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"State of Muscogee (Creek) Nation" Address Delivered by Chief Cox-



PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX delivers the annual "State of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation" Address January 28 in the Mound Building.

-photo by Elliot Barnett

By Kathryn Bell

Principal Chief Claude Cox delivered the annual "State of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation" address, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mound Auditorium. The address preceded the Quarterly Meeting of the National Council. Invocation was given by Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee District Representative.

In his address, the Principal Chief highlighted the progress the Tribe has made over the last year in the on-going litigation concerning the sovereignty of Indian nations that Creek Nation has won for itself and other tribes within the state. He pointed out the testing of Creek Constitutional powers by the legislative, judicial and executive branches of the Creek government- which he considered "healthy."

Overall, he cited the progressiveness of the tribe in sovereignty issues, establishing good working relationships with the state government entreated the people to support and participate in their government.

"Good morning everyone, Speaker, members of the National Council, ladies and gentlemen- it's an honor to stand before you this morning to present the "State of the Muscogee Nation address. The State of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was influenced in 1988 by the testing of our Constitutional powers by the judicial, legislative and executive branch of this government. This is a healthy process in order for any government to be effective for it's people- in 1988, the Muscogee Nation led the fight for maintaining sovereign rights, of not only our Tribe, but other tribes as well, through the court cases concerning the Tulsa bingo operation, through our tribal court system within our judicial branch of government, which is upheld and recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court. Once again, the eyes of Indian Country were directed on the activities of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Promises made in treaties and a firm belief in our Constitution served as a solid foundation needed for these two monumental triumphs. The opportunity now exists to utilize branches of our tribal government to the fullest extent.

This was possible through a united effort of executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Muscogee Nation government- which goes to show what can be accomplished in a spirit of unity. It is unfortunate, however, that this united effort has not extended into other areas of tribal government where it is needed most- no economic development projects of any kind were implemented in 1988 within the Creek Nation. Differences were allowed to cloud the decision-making process. History will show the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe, as a progressive Tribe, has served as a model for other tribes to follow. Progress of this Muscogee Nation is based upon the strength of the Muscogee people.

It is because of the strength of our tribal members that I ask for their support for the government

and for them to participate in their government.

We have made many inroads into dealing with the federal government on the national level in a government to government relationship and as you know, in the last two years we have made some inroads to the local and state government of the great state of Oklahoma. I think this is quite an accomplishment that has been made through the new leadership in our state government. There have been bills introduced that gives us some authority to work with the district agencies within the state of Oklahoma. Legislation that was introduced helped to reorganize the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission which will be made up of elected leaders- I think this also is quite an accomplishment.

The state of Oklahoma in the last two years has recognized that the Tribes are sovereign nations within the state and they want to deal with us as sovereign nations- this is a big plus for the future.

We have never had this working relationship with the state before and I think that we can see a lot of support. Kelly Haney, as you know, our Seminole

Seminole-Creek Senator, said in a meeting some months ago- that he has seen, the last 18 months, more progress made in the state of Oklahoma toward Indians than there has ever been since he has been there. I think this is something we should be proud of and support our people in state government who have been real helpful to us and that have brought about this good working relationship we look forward to with the state. In closing, I pose a challenge to the Muscogee people and the Muscogee government as we entered into the last year of the 80's. I challenge our people to support their government...I challenge the National Council to represent their communities to the fullest and by doing this we will solidify the strength of this great nation- the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Thank you. God bless you.

Chief Issues Statement on Senate Select Committee Hearings-

By Kathryn Bell

Amid the controversy of allegations of contract fraud and corruption involving Indian programs run by the federal government which are the focus of investigative hearings being conducted in Washington, D.C. by the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs- the Principal Chief of the Creek Tribe has issued the following statement upholding the integrity of Creek Nation, and to clarify that the tribal government is not reflective of any of these allegations, which are causing a furor in Indian Country. The Committee is chaired by Senator Dennis DeConcini, D-Arizona.

"The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has never been charged with or come under scrutiny for any of the allegations that are being brought out by the hearings- We have operated above board in all of our governmental dealings and I want to assure the people that we are not to be counted among the Indian programs under fire for scandal and fraud.

We do alot of contracting, and when we contract, we expect them to live up to that contract. One problem we have in contracting is with the federal government, particularly Indian Health Service- in getting them to live up to the contracts after we sign them...but these are minor problems and we are working on them. But, if not settled, it causes a cash flow problem and the people getting the short end of the stick are those that receive the services. We will, however continue to fight for fulfillment of these contract obligations for the benefit of our people...

It is very evident by our receiving, for the seventh consecutive year, the Certificate of Financial Conformance, that our financial accounting and reporting system is the best. In fact in 1981, we were the first tribal government in the country to receive the award and the (STATEMENT continued on page 2)



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following year, we were the first government (out of all the city governments) in the state of Oklahoma, to receive the award. So we have set standards, not only for tribal governments but for other types of governments as well.

I am proud of the organization we have here and the bottom line is that we will continue to uphold ethical standards in our government in providing services to our people."



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New York Reader Searching for Family Information

Dear Editor:

May I impose upon your readership regarding my search for information on my grandfather, John Henry Robinson? He was born to Lizzie Boston and Samuel H. Robinson in Kellyville on September 13, 1889 or 1890.

He worked on ranches in Kellyville and Bristow as a young man as a bronc rider. His nickname was Oklahoma Joe.

I have researched the Creek rolls without success in hope of locating him and his parents. I did find a Lizzie Boston on the final roll of Identified Mississippi Choctaw.

While there is a boy the age John Henry would have been at that time, the name is not his. I have been told by a gentleman from Kellyville that my grandfather was related to the Sartys and Berryhills through a woman named Leona or Lena Sarty. My grandfather came north to New York while working on some sort of rodeo or wild west show just after the first World War.

He worked on various estates up here breaking horses for wealthy owners, to be turned into polo horses. He was greatly sought after I understand, due to his gentle method of breaking the horse in the water. He told his employer this tamed the horse but allowed it to keep its spirit.

He became ill in 1926 and was placed in a hospital great distance from his family. During the 11 years he was there, this distance proved a great hardship in communication with my grandmother and their children. Eventually the family fell apart with the children going to foster homes.

So much of the answers I'm looking for were lost in those unfortunate 11 years. He passed away in November 1937.

If there is anyone out there who knows even the smallest detail about my grandfather, his parents or perhaps any related kin, please



Letter of Appreciation

Editor:

This letter is to thank publicly each Community Health Representative who provided their time and assistance with the application process for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Eyeglasses Program in December. Those CHR's include Jane Contero, Richard Posey, Chiquita McNac, Sue White, Ethel Wyatt, Mary Hobia, Lona Scott, Augusta Anderson, Chris Burgess, Judy Riley, Francis Walker and JoAnn Thomas.

It was a pleasure working with each of you on this project.

Sincerely,
Steve Landsberry, manager

write me or call me at one of the address and phone number below.

Your newspaper, which I subscribed to some time ago is a great source of enlightenment to my family and friends, many who are of Creek blood but, who have

never had the opportunity to be exposed to the culture. We are grateful for your words.

Sincerely,

Ruth Dubose

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Texas Congressman Responds to Whitlow

Editor's note: In the January issue of the MNN, Creek Nation Housing Authority Director Sam Whitlow urged all tribal citizens to participate in a letter writing campaign to U.S. Congressmen expressing disapproval of the decision of the Office of Management and Budget to eliminate federal funding for Indian Housing in the 1990 budget. The following letter is a reply from U.S. Representative Henry Gonzalez, Democrat, Texas.

Dear Mr. Whitlow:

I received your letter of December 28, 1988 concerning the decision by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to zero out funding for Indian Housing in the 1990 budget.

Unfortunately, the Gramm-Rudman provisions often force such budget decisions with little regard for the human tragedy which results. The Reagan record is littered with instances of cuts to social programs at the expense of America's most needy. The decision to zero out funding for Indian Housing's already meager budget is one attempt to adhere

to the Gramm-Rudman guidelines.

I voted against Gramm-Rudman precisely because its across-the-board cuts would most severely affect our nation's impoverished population. In the same spirit, I sponsored the Indian Housing Act of 1988 and I will continue to offer my support in issues related to Indian Housing.

I commend and encourage your efforts in bringing attention to the plight of Native Americans.

Sincerely,

Henry Gonzalez, Chairman
Subcommittee on Housing and
Community Development

Haskell Indian Junior College Benefit Pow-wow

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Where: National Guard Armory
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5:00 - 6:00 p.m.....Supper Break

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.....Gourd Dance

7:30 p.m.....Intertribal Dancing

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CN Legislative Overview...

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the number of requests for information on the proposed "Theme Park" project of Creek Nation, the following report is presented that details the origin of the concept, legislative action taken in Committee and Council meetings, controversies of the issue, and its present status. It is hoped this legislative report will answer some of the questions that are being asked, and clarify misconceptions and misinformation that the issue has provoked.

By Jim Wolfe

A proposed theme park economic project to be developed by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that died in a National Council committee in December will not be resurrected anytime soon.

The Tribal Affairs Committee discussed briefly a proposal from the Office of the Principal Chief at a December 5 meeting.

The theme park issue was forefront after a December 30, 1988 Associated Press story ran through AP's wire service. Several Oklahoma newspapers picked up the story between December 29-30.

The AP wire story claimed the "Creek Nation is exploring the possibilities of building a \$43 million 'Indian Heritage' theme park".

The story drew attention from Creek citizens on both coasts and as far north as Grand Island, Nebraska. The story also caught the attention of the Tribal Affairs Committee who let the theme park proposal die in committee.

And it drew the attention of M.T. Jeffers, a principal player in the first theme park feasibility study.

The theme park as an economic development project has been considered before. In 1986, the Council passed NCA 86-63 authorizing a feasibility study of a "Theme Park Venture". Approved by the Principal Chief, NCA 86-63 appropriated \$20,000 for the study and authorized a "limited partnership" between the Muscogee Nation and World Changers International and Discoveryland Ltd. World Changers and Discoveryland Ltd. are the managers and proprietors of Discoveryland near Prattville. Discoveryland stages the musical production of "Oklahoma" during summer tourist season.

In December 1987, the Council approved NCA 87-93 appropriated \$38,530 for a second feasibility study. In August 1988, the Council was presented with the results of the feasibility study by a representative of LARC. The Council learned at that time that the cost of the study had exceeded the appropriation.

M.T. Jeffers, owner of World Changers, was having breakfast at a restaurant in Tulsa when he saw Kenneth Childers, Speaker of the National Council. According to Jeffers, he told Childers that the theme park wire story appeared

to violate client confidentiality.

A Special Session of the National Council was set for January 18, 1989. Childers invited Jeffers, along with tribal officials Bill Foster, Commissioner of Gaming and Taxation.

Jeffers answered questions from Council members and pointed out similarities between his feasibility study and the one purchased by the Creek Nation in 1987.

Jeffers said he was led to believe that the Creek Nation had a mutual agreement with him to begin a preliminary feasibility study for the theme park.

The first commissioned study was done by Leisure and Recreation Concepts, Inc. (LARC).

The second feasibility study was also done by LARC. It was this connection that prompted Jeffers to say he was not treated "fairly by the Creek Nation or LARC."

Jeffers also claimed that "90 percent of the new feasibility study is (World Changers')."

Jeffers proceeded to point out similarities with the studies including rides, projections and concepts.

"I feel like we were taken advantage of," said Jeffers. "I think (Foster) played up to us for our idea."

Jeffers also pointed out differences in the cost projections like the difference between the costs of bathroom space per square foot in the first proposal and the second. The first proposal was projected at \$78 per square foot and the second was projected at \$90 square foot.

Jeffers also chided the second LARC study saying that the group has not "done their homework or somebody messed up."

During Jeffers presentation, it was learned that Foster had written a letter to Jeffers endorsing Childers for a horeshoeing job at Discoveryland in 1986.

When asked later if this was a bribe for Council support of the theme park, Foster replied, "Certainly not. I know (Childers) is a farrier and I recommended him for the job because I consider (Childers) a friend."

Foster added that Childers was not Speaker of the Council in 1986.

McIntosh District Representative Frank Kamp asked Jeffers if

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CN District Court Renders Decision

Editor's Note: The Principal Chief was granted an "Extension of Time to Appeal" this District Court decision by District Judge Patrick Moore, which was filed in Court January 25. The "Extension of Time to File Appeal" was granted to the Chief until February 13.

Statement of Case

Honorable Claude Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, has filed herein a Petition for Writ of Mandamus praying for a writ of Mandamus requiring and compelling the presentment to the Petitioner of NCA 88-37 by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Speaker Kenneth L. Childers, hereinafter referred to as Respondents.

Attached to and made a part of the record is a facsimile of NCA 88-37 reflecting said Bill was voted on by Respondents on June 25, 1988: Nineteen (19) in favor; two (2) against; one (1) abstention; however, neither the Speaker nor the Recording Secretary for Respondents have signed this facsimile.

Honorable Clarence Cloud, National Council Representative for the Creek District, personally contacted Speaker Kenneth L. Childers on Monday, June 27, 1988 requesting reconsideration on NCA 88-37, followed up with a written request on July 1, 1988 and NCA 88-37 was in fact reconsidered by the Muscogee (Creek) Nationa Council on July 14, 1988.

Honorable Jerry Wilson, National Council Representative for the Tulsa District and author NCA 88-37, requested by letter and orally during the Planning Session on July 14, 1988 that his Bill NCA 88-37 be withdrawn.

The Speaker advised Respondents and Petitioner by letter on July 15, 1988 that NCA 88-37 had been withdrawn by the author and the number NCA 88-37 issued to another bill.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council on July 30, 1988 on Motion by the Honorable Clarence Cloud, seconded by Honorable Larry Bible passed by a vote of fifteen (15) in favor; six (6) opposed the reconsideration and repeal of NCA 88-37.

Opinion

The question before the Court has not been the subject of a judicial decision and must be resolved, not by past arguments or assumptions, but by applying

the controlling principles of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

It is very probable that there will be inconveniences from following the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution as it is written. If the Courts, Legislature or Principal Chief add to the plain language under the color of construction, then the boundaries to governmental power have been distorted. To allow such to happen would inflict a wound upon the Constitution that nothing can heal. One step taken to enlarge the powers of government opens the door to another and another until all respect for the fundamental law is lost and the powers of government are just what those in authority please to call them.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution as written and ratified by the people controls the government and not any theory of what the law should be. Article VI, Section 6, Clause (a);

Every bill which shall have passed the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, before it becomes ordinance, shall be **presented** to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. If he approves he shall sign it; but, if not, he shall return it to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, who shall enter the objections to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsiderations, two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall pass the bill, it shall become an ordinance. In such case become an ordinance. In such cases, the votes shall be entered on the journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. If any bill shall not be returned by the Principal Chief within ten (10) days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be an ordinance as if he had signed it.

The requirements placed upon the Legislative and Executive Branches with respect to approval of bills before they become ordinances are passage by the

**NCA 88-37 is an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Taking Legislative Action Against Indian Country U.S.A., Inc., for Failure to Comply with Contractual Obligations, Court Orders, and Rules and Regulations of NCA 84-04 enacted by the National Council on June 25, 1988 and adopted by a vote of 19 in favor, two against and one abstention. NCA 84-04 deals with regulating Public Gaming within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.*



CN COURT DECISION...

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Muscogee (Creek) National Council and presentment to Principal Chief for approval requiring a signature; veto requiring objections and return to the Legislature or non-function (no signature). There is no specified time limit on how long a bill can remain in the legislative process, but, as soon as a bill is presented to the Principal Chief it must be signed or vetoed before the expiration of ten (10) days, Sundays and holidays excepted or the bill shall be an ordinance as if signed by the Principal Chief. The framers of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution could have placed a time requirement upon the Legislative Branch regarding presentment of bills to the Principal Chief, but it just simply not a part of the written Constitution.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council has adopted Robert's Rules of Order, revised to govern all procedures.

"A motion to reconsider is peculiar in that making of the Motion has a higher rank than its consideration, and for a certain time prevents anything being done as a result of the vote it is proposed to reconsider."

Council member Clarence Cloud, who had voted for Bill NCA 88-37, requested the Bill be reconsidered all in accordance with the adopted Robert's Rules of Order.

NOTE: Although the Muscogee (Creek) National Council does not expressly require the signature of the Speaker on bills that have passed the Legislature, the orderly conduct of legislative proceedings under which the National Council has acted since organization requires that mode of authentication before presentment to the Principal Chief. The signing of a bill by the Speaker is an official attestation that the bill is the one that passed the National Council. In this case, there was concern to exactly what had been voted on by the National Council. The Speaker did not sign and present it to Chief, thereby keeping the bill in the Legislature for further consideration.

While it is the duty of this Court to ascertain and carry into effect the intent and purpose of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, it is also incumbent on the Court to determine the intent embodied in the instrument itself. In order for the Court to ascertain the meaning of the Constitution, the first resort must be to the natural signification of the words used, the order and grammatical arrangement. If the words used convey a definite meaning with

no absurdity and there are no contradictions between clauses pertaining to the same matter, then the meaning apparent from the four corners of the Constitution is the meaning that the Court is at liberty to say what was intended to be conveyed. When the Constitution speaks in plain language, with respect to the methods to be used or the powers and responsibilities to be granted to the three branches of government, then the Court must not place a different meaning on words or apply words pertaining to one branch to another branch or otherwise give a different meaning to the words employed because the literal interpretation in one section, as it applies to one branch, does not apply to any other branch unless the same language appears and pertains to the other branch. The Constitution places differing responsibilities upon each branch of government and the Court must be ever mindful to keep these treasured differences separate.

Judicial intrusion into the methods and procedures employed by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council or the Principal Chief in the conduct of their Constitutional duties is forbidden by the respect due to a coordinate branch of government.

The Doctrine of Separation of Powers is at the very heart of our Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution. There must be at all times recognition of this Doctrine, for without this separation between the three great branches of government, the people lose their constitutional check to the extent that power is exercisable by one branch of government, thus protecting the people from oppression. The Doctrine is not to promote efficiency, but to preclude the exercise of arbitrary power. It does not avoid friction which is inevitable when there are three branches of government, but it saves the people from autocracy.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution contains no language commanding the National Council to present legislation to the Principal Chief within any certain time frame; unrepresented legislation simply does not become an ordinance until presented for executive approval.

Legislative bodies have been recognized to have the power to present bills to the executive, as authorized by their own rules and procedures, even to the extent that bills may be presented to the executive after *sine die* adjournment. Numerous court decisions have called attention to the fact that a Constitution

requires that a Constitution requires that every bill be presented to the Chief Executive before it becomes law, but that the Constitution must be specific if the legislative body is to have any time frame placed upon it for the presentment to the executive.

It is contemplated by our Constitution that legislation shall be considered by two branches of government before it becomes an ordinance, the national Council ordinance, the National Council and the Principal Chief. The latter's approval, disapproval, or acquiescence therein by silence, is in its essential aspect negative in character and subject to control by the National Council when a sufficient majority is opposed to his views. The judgement, which the Principal Chief is authorized to exercise, partakes of a legislative character and by the terms of the Constitution the Principal Chief is granted a limited time in which to formulate his judgement in connection to legislation presented to him for his consideration.

The Court has held in the past and will continue to rule in favor of strict construction and interpretation of the Constitution and will not add or delete from the plain language contained in the Constitutional Articles.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution does not contain any language directing the National Council to present legislation to the Principal Chief within any specific time frame, only that said legislation must be presented to the Principal Chief for his action or inaction before the legislation becomes an ordinance.

It is therefore the opinion of this Court that the Writ of Mandamus requested by the Principal Chief compelling the presentment to him of NCA 88-37 by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Speaker Kenneth L. Childers must be and is hereby denied.

Exceptions to this ruling are granted to all parties.

(s) **Honorable Patrick Moore**
District Court Judge

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW...

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the "integrity of the Creek Nation had been compromised?"

"No," said Jeffers. "We've been treated unfairly but not by the Creek Nation."

Though Jeffers contended that the feasibility studies were conducted within a year and that Foster "maliciously, willfully" sought his ideas, Jeffers did not ask for compensation or for Council action on the matter.

The **MNN** contacted Discoveryland and spoke with Teresa Randolph, of the Public Relations Office.

Though Jeffers may harbor ill feelings for certain tribal officials, he has apparently suffered no damage to his organization.

Randolph said that Discoveryland was expanding this season and is seeking Oklahoma buildings from the early days before Oklahoma statehood.

Randolph said that the park has enjoyed tremendous crowds the past two years and expects another record number of tourists to see Discoveryland this season.

Though Discoveryland has had tax problems with the Internal Revenue Service Randolph said the matter has been resolved and had no further comment.

Following Jeffers presentation to the Council, Foster, who sat through all of Jeffers' complaints, was allowed to respond. Interestingly enough, Jeffers did not return the courtesy, leaving

for Tulsa before Foster addressed the Council.

"Mr. Jeffers' recall was excellent except for a few items," began Foster.

According to Foster, World Changers was to furnish the theme park plan and the expertise. The tribe was "responsible for funding".

Foster contended that Jeffers "missed a year" when discussing the studies.

Foster was asked if there was a conflict of interest on LARC's part because both studies were done by the group?

Foster said he, along with Tribal Affairs Director Buddy York, met with LARC officials in Dallas and the question of conflict of interest was brought up.

"I asked the LARC people if there was a possible conflict of interest," recalled Foster. "I was assured by the LARC attorney that there was no conflict."

Foster added that bids to conduct the study were accepted from "several individuals".

Foster added, "We were trying to find out who could do what and we learned that LARC would be included with many of the bids."

Regarding the similarities between the two studies, Foster said the second study was far from the original concept by Jeffers.

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Quarterly Financial Statement
Quarter Ending December 31, 1988
Creek Nation Office of the Treasury

PROGRAM NAME	RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	UNENCUMBERED
Treasury	\$10,673	\$10,000	0	0	\$10,000
General Taxes & Licenses	\$91,145	\$162,226	0	\$50,549	\$111,677
Administration/Indirect	\$473,790	\$1,824,932	\$77,237	\$544,903	\$1,202,792
Consumer Loan	\$7,244	\$94,229	\$215	\$10,175	\$83,839
Creek Nation Bingo	\$560,552	\$998,338	\$28,488	\$400,302	\$569,548
Tribal Budget '89	\$402,748	\$1,919,457	\$10,219	\$399,029	\$1,510,209
Job Training Partnership Act '88	\$120,444	\$469,934	\$2,639	\$113,411	\$353,884
BIA Technical & Training Assistance	0	\$12,500	0	0	\$12,500
Family Violence Prevention	\$12,272	\$12,835	0	\$562	\$12,273
HHS Head Start '88	\$92,851	\$90,690	\$7,063	\$83,811	-\$184
HHS Administration on Aging '88	\$20,878	\$39,418	\$2,016	\$19,038	\$18,364
HHS Eyeglass Assistance	0	\$5,408	0	\$100	\$5,308
Home Assistance Act	0	\$1,927	\$175	\$722	\$1,030
Family Violence Prevention	\$668	\$14,437	0	\$668	\$13,769
IHS Management Grant	\$3,100	\$3,100	0	0	\$3,100
HHS Head Start '89	\$11,309	\$454,635	\$10,636	\$11,309	\$432,690
HHS Community Service Block Grant '89	0	\$16,034	\$95	\$300	\$15,639
HHS LIHEAP (Energy Assistance) '89	0	\$51,820	0	0	\$51,820
HHS Children Service '89	\$7,644	\$49,638	\$1,114	\$7,644	\$40,880
Homeless Assistance Act	0	\$3,031	0	0	\$3,031
Community Development Block Grant '86	\$3,731	\$7,612	0	\$7,612	0
Community Development Block Grant '87	\$86,855	\$223,171	\$33,883	\$111,943	\$77,345
USDA Food Distribution	\$13,660	\$6,595	0	\$6,590	\$5
Community Development Block Grant '88	\$3,806	\$450,000	\$218	\$11,593	\$438,189
USDA Food Distribution '89	\$21,757	\$237,693	\$686	\$60,985	\$176,022
USDA Reimbursement-Adm. on Aging	\$3,564	\$20,000	\$1,181	\$1,330	\$17,489
USDA Reimbursement-Head Start	\$10,591	\$16,000	\$4,050	\$11,311	\$639
Eufaula Dormitory Activity Fund	\$886	\$500	0	\$371	\$129
Muscogee Nation News Activity Fund	\$840	\$650	0	\$325	\$325
Clerk Court Activity Fund	\$869	\$800	0	0	\$800
BIA Adult Education	\$37,695	\$192,859	\$2,383	\$34,491	\$155,985
BIA Aid to Tribal Government	\$70,483	\$374,935	\$13,389	\$64,680	\$296,866
BIA Community Services	\$45,572	\$141,327	\$514	\$47,066	\$93,747
BIA Higher Education	\$83,781	\$655,822	\$1,997	\$79,509	\$574,316
BIA Natural Resources	\$76,597	\$516,910	\$20,140	\$68,931	\$427,839
BIA Adult Vocational Training	\$73,617	\$299,669	\$889	\$79,090	\$219,690
BIA Highway Safety Program	0	\$8,847	\$80	\$6,699	\$2,068
BIA Credit & Finance	\$28,078	\$107,874	\$1,554	\$27,425	\$78,895
BIA Other Employment Assistance	\$8,076	\$25,742	0	\$8,797	\$16,945
BIA Early Childhood	\$13,580	\$18,389	0	\$14,309	\$4,080
BIA Agriculture	\$43,539	\$206,552	\$1,271	\$39,716	\$165,565
BIA Social Services	\$57,528	\$304,706	\$414	\$59,426	\$244,866
BIA Housing	\$36,084	\$301,446	\$1,540	\$33,422	\$266,484
BIA Real Estate Appraisals	\$26,666	\$15,146	\$5,634	\$25,913	\$119,599
BIA Minerals & Mining	\$4,393	\$51,865	\$383	\$3,723	\$47,759
BIA Water Resources	\$1,903	\$3,924	\$1,717	\$240	\$1,967
BIA Other Real Estate Services	\$54,213	\$220,911	\$385	\$48,297	\$172,229
BIA Eufaula Dorm Maintenance	\$68,459	\$530,224	\$6,452	\$64,677	\$459,095
BIA Eufaula Dorm Education	\$204,995	\$652,271	\$18,999	\$193,142	\$440,130
BIA Indian Child Welfare	\$25,662	\$97,836	\$4,682	\$24,089	\$69,065
BIA Home Improvements	0	\$221,500	0	0	\$221,500
Creek Nation Agri-Business	\$126,893	\$317,000	\$12,353	\$126,940	\$177,707
Creek Nation Community Hospital	\$729,228	\$2,349,510	\$22,296	\$743,553	\$1,583,661
Community Health Representatives	0	\$277,439	\$370	\$117,695	\$159,374
IHS Creek Nation Clinics	0	\$667,362	\$35,478	\$279,057	\$352,827
Tribal Health Care Equipment	0	\$5,515	0	\$4,500	\$1,015
Okmulgee Bingo	\$495,432	\$1,655,620	\$27,408	\$458,572	\$1,169,640
Okemah Economic Development Project	\$16,191	\$41,000	\$278	\$21,946	\$18,776
Sapulpa Clinic - Third Party	\$1,018	\$5,425	0	0	\$5,425
Employee Benefits	\$16,433	\$81,700	0	\$17,581	\$64,119
Development & Construction	\$1,607	\$23,728	0	\$8,721	\$15,007
Real Property & Facilities	\$609,239	\$809,918	\$4,051	\$18,031	\$625,554
Property & Supply	\$11,612	\$88,221	\$143	\$46,008	\$42,070
Festival Committee	\$6,255	\$20,000	0	\$6,317	\$13,683
Totals	\$4,936,706	\$18,488,803	\$364,715	\$4,627,146	\$13,496,942

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"Jeffers had a western theme with a limited Indian heritage," said Foster. "The first original concept (for a theme park) was their idea. Some of it was (Creek Nation's) but a great deal of it was by LARC."

Foster claimed that the relationship between the tribe and World Changers began to

drift apart when Jeffers insisted on total control of the project and when the seriousness of his tax problems became public in 1986. Foster said that the IRS had issued a date of foreclosure (November 1987) for Discoveryland and that Jeffers may still have problems with the Oklahoma Tax Commission with its' payment of

state sales tax.

Foster also pointed out that some of the cost projections were not estimates and that the studies were conducted at two different locations which explains some of the cost differences. Foster noted that there was less than \$15 million between the two projects.

But the bottom line, according

to Foster, there was and is "no formal agreement" between Jeffers and the Creek Nation. Foster added that to do so would require National Council approval.

"If the administration wants to sell something to (National

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Creek Athlete to Play Football in Russia for Sooner Stampede Team



Chabon Childers

Chabon Childers is one of four Charles Page High School, Sand Springs seniors who have been selected to participate in the first football games ever played in the Soviet Union.

This independent event called the "Sooner Stampede" consists of 84 Oklahoma high school football players who will perform three exhibition games in Moscow, Leningrad and Tallinn. The players will depart from Tulsa June 24 and return July 5. This will be the first opportunity for Russians to witness football.

This will be a historic event for Oklahoma and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as well.

Efforts to find a corporate sponsor have been unsuccessful, leaving each player with a \$2,800 tab which is due in March for the trip.

Childers is a three year letterman in football at Charles Page and has been named to the All Frontier Conference and All District teams. He was given a Special Recognition for All State as a linebacker.

He is also an outstanding baseball player leading the Tulsa metropolitan area in runs batted in with 57. He was also named to the All Frontier Conference baseball team.

Childers is the son of Tom and Elizabeth Childers. Maternal grandparents are Captain and Samaria Marshall and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Ralph (Helen) Childers, all of Sand Springs.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the trip for Childers should send a check to: **Sooner Stampede, Charles Page High School, Park and Adams Road, Sand Springs, OK 74063 Attention: Athletic Director Ward Sherrill.**

All contributions are tax deductible.



Rene' Berryhill

Tot Celebrates Birthday-

Rene' Berryhill observes her second birthday on February 13, 1989. Rene' is the daughter of Merle and Beatrice (Lowe) Berryhill of Oklahoma City.

Grandparents are Albert and Diana Lowe of Holdenville and Rev. John and Eliza Lowe of Oklahoma City.

Creek Chosen for Student of the Month



Nedra Renee Thompson

Nedra Renee Thompson has been chosen as Student-of-the-Month at Liberty Middle School in Mounds. Thompson has made the first semester honor roll for her grades. An eighth grader, Thompson is the daughter of Carlin and Juanita Thompson and granddaughter of Mae and July Tulsa and Emily Dickerson of Ada.

Creek Football Player Named to All Area Team

Dwight Bucktrot, a junior at Depew High School, has been named to the Coaches All Area football team.

Bucktrot is one of only two juniors to be named to the All Area Team. Bucktrot plays defense for Depew and is projected to be one of the top defensive players next season.

Bucktrot is the son of Robert Bucktrot and Maxine Hill Bucktrot, both of Bristow.



LISA LONG, LEFT, A MEMBER OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION, is also a talented musician. She is a junior majoring in music and business at Oklahoma City University and is pictured above playing flute at the university's Homecoming Concert. Her brother, Tim, is also a junior majoring in music at OCU. He is the Concert Master for the OCU orchestra.

Jones Tabbed for Overseas Meet

Sharon Jo "Spud" Jones, a junior at Bowlegs High School has received an invitation to participate in the International Track Meet held in Glasnos and Scandinavia.

To qualify for the international competition, tracksters must meet a qualifying time in the state track meet.

At the state meet in April 1988, Jones was a member of the two mile relay and one mile relay team. She also ran in the 440 meter run and the 880 meter run as a sophomore.

Her freshman year, Jones also qualified for the relays and has had a successful career.

Her career is more impressive considering Bowlegs does not field a track team. The thinclads run on their own time along the rural roads of Seminole County.

Again this season, Jones will run in the two mile relay, one mile relay, the 800 and 400 meter run.

Jones is also a starter for the Lady Bison basketball team. Her basketball and track coach Tom Butner says Jones is quick and reacts to the ball well.

Butner also pointed out that Jones has been playing with a "bum knee". Doctors believe Jones may have loose cartilage floating around in her knee.

Though the surgery might disrupt her track career this season, Jones and Butner are eager to have the surgery behind them.

Jones is scheduled to have arthroscopic surgery after basketball season to remove what is believed to be floating cartilage.

Bowlegs first year basketball coach Tom Butner says Jones has



Sharon Jones

been playing with her bum knee for the past two seasons.

Jones, 16, is optimistic about her surgery and is confident she can improve her past performances when she recovers from surgery.

"I was told it could be two weeks or two months," says Jones about her recovery time.

The 5' 2" junior doubts she will attend the international competition because of the prohibitive cost of traveling and competing overseas. She will continue to compete however, for the Bowlegs track squad.

"I like to run," says Jones.

Jones is listed on the honor roll and is active in organizations. She is a member of the Beta Club, an honors club for academics. She is also a Student Council member.

Jones is the daughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Wewoka.



SPORTS FOCUS: Creek Wrestlers at Eufaula High School

By Jim Wolfe

Eufaula High School wrestling coach Larry Newton is anticipating "good things" to happen to his three Creek wrestlers at the regional high school wrestling tournament in February.

Joe Don Ripley, Larry McCosar and his brother Chris all wrestle for Newton and according to him, each is having a good year.

Ripley, a senior, has been wrestling for seven years. His record this year is 10-7. For a Class 2A 141 pound wrestler, Ripley has performed better than his record indicates. He recently took third place at the Salina High School Invitational Tournament.

"I think Joe Don has a good opportunity to make the state meet," says Newton. "He has wrestled some pretty good people and has impressed a few. He's probably the best wrestler I have right now."

Ripley, along with the McCosar brothers, are all residents of the Eufaula Dormitory. Acting dorm supervisor Jean Froman says that in addition to his athletic achievements, Ripley is "very honest and very intelligent."

Ripley, the son of Edith Ripley of Oklahoma City, has one goal for this season.

"I want to win state," said the senior. "That's the my goal."

Ripley would like to continue wrestling in college but he is also considering enlisting in the U.S. Air Force.

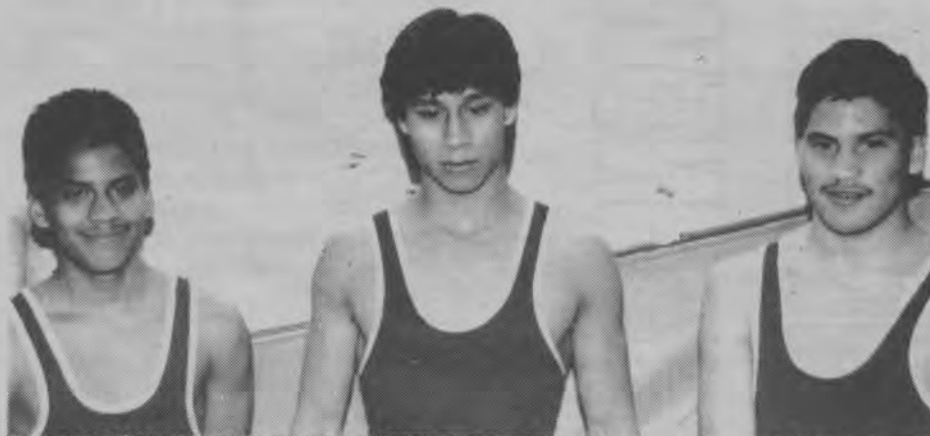
Larry McCosar is a senior in his first semester of wrestling this season. He has wrestled before but admits that the sport is not his favorite.

"I found out there is no swim team at Eufaula so I went out for wrestling," says the older McCosar.

Newton says that McCosar has the athletic ability but "got a late start in wrestling."

McCosar's younger brother Chris, wrestles at 108 pounds. At the Salina tournament the younger McCosar placed fourth. The sophomore has a 7-7 record thus far but Newton said McCosar might lose seven pounds and wrestle at 101 pounds in the regional.

"He'll have an excellent opportunity to make state if he can make the weight. Especially



EUFULA HIGH SCHOOL GRAPPLERS pictured from left to right are: Chris McCosar, Joe Don Ripley and Larry McCosar. The three are residents of the Eufaula Dormitory.

against younger competition."

Though points are kept for teams, wrestling is an individual sport that demands its most successful grapplers to have discipline. Its a lonely sport but one that reveals a person's character.

"I haven't had any trouble with these kids," says Newton. They work hard and have good attitudes."

Froman agrees.

"All three are good kids," says

Froman proudly. "They are all clean cut, handsome and well behaved."

The McCosars are the sons of Nellie McCosar of Sapulpa.

Newton, in his ninth year as wrestling coach at Eufaula is "excited" about his junior high program that has five dormitory students competing for him.

Joe Martel, Tulle Tecumseh, Bartimus Newman, Richard

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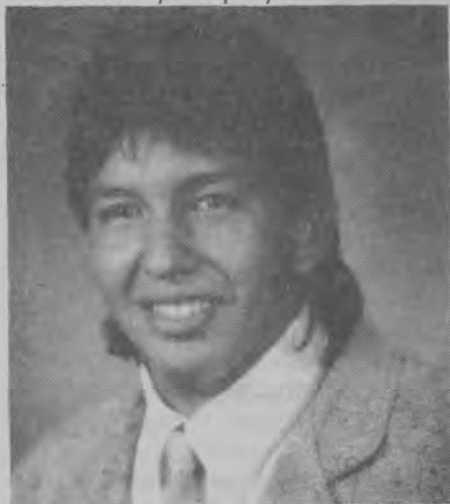
Creek Trio Impacts Graham High School Athletics

By Jim Wolfe

Three Graham High School students are each impact players for the Chieftain basketball teams.

Shannon Starr, Delilah Ramirez and Melanie Thompson are all having good years for the school once known as Consolidated 32.

Starr is a low post player for the Chieftains and is a two year starter and a four year player.



Shannon Starr

He was selected to the North Canadian All Conference team and has been a Coaches All Star district selection for two years. He has been a member of Graham's three district championship squads. During his career at Graham, the boys basketball team has compiled a 75-28 record through December 1988.

This season, Starr is averaging 9.5 points a game and about seven rebounds every outing.

Graham basketball coach Stan

White counts on Starr to rebound and set up the Graham fast break. White would like to see more offensive production from Starr but the 6' 2" senior is slowed by a knee injury sustained in automobile accident last summer.

Starr is a team captain and was chosen as Homecoming King this past semester. He is also active in the 4-H club.

Starr is the son of Emma Starr. His grandparents are the late Eli Starr and Lena Starr.

Ramirez is another senior having a good season for Graham. A four year player and three year full time starter, Ramirez plays guard for the Lady Chiefs and leads the team in steals and rebounds.



Delilah Ramirez

She has been chosen twice to the North Canadian All Conference team and has been a

district choice for three years.

Ramirez was Graham's Homecoming Queen this season. Ramirez serves as Senior Class reporter after serving as junior class president last year.

This remarkable student-athlete has maintained an above average grade point while taking care of two younger children.

Her parents are the late Javier and Doris Ramirez. Her grandparents are the late Stella and Wallace Gambler.



Melanie Thompson

The youngest member of Graham's talented trio is Thompson. She started last season as a freshman and averaged in double figures along with her freshman teammate Alethea Soweka, from Ryal. This past summer, Soweka moved to Arizona and the spotlight has

shifted to Thompson.

This season Graham coach Mary Walker is starting two freshman along with her sensational sophomore. Thompson has responded averaging near 22 points a game.

"She's aggressive, solid and consistent," says Walker. "She just hustles after the ball."

A sophomore homecoming attendant, Thompson is active in 4-H and is listed on the Principal's Honor Roll with a 3.32 grade point average.

Thompson is the daughter of Elizabeth Shipley. Her grandparents are Russell and Cherokee Thompson.

"I look for her to improve each year," said Walker.

Morning Star To Host Basketball Tourney March 16-18

Morning Star Ministries will be hosting their annual fund raising Basketball Tournament on Thursday, March 16 through Saturday, March 18 at the Morris High School Gym.

Entry fee will be \$85.00 payable by cashiers check or money order. All entry fees must be in by Friday, March 10.

The tournament will be limited to 12 teams. For more information contact Morning Star Ministries, P.O. Box 97, Bixby, OK 74008 or call George 918/756-4807 or Jan 918/366-7732 in the evenings.



COMMUNITY NEWS

DORM WRESTLERS... (Continued from Page 7)

Barnett and Brian Rowe all have successful futures in wrestling says Newton.

"They are a good bunch of hard working kids," says the coach. "They are enthusiastic and in a couple of years, who knows?"

But this season, Eufaula may pick up four or five medals at the Maverick Conference Tournament. Most of the conference teams are schools larger than Eufaula. Newton is confident that three or four of his team members may qualify for the Oklahoma High School Championship team.

Three of them may be Creeks.

Okemah Indian Community News-

by Rebecca Stroud

A meeting was held at the Okemah Indian Community Center on January 10, 1989 to elect officers and re-organize. The meeting was called to order by community vice president Ladonna Beach.

The Okemah Community Officers for 1989 are: Margaret Mauldin, president; Ronald Hardin, vice president; Rebecca Stroud, secretary; Betty Scott, treasurer.

The regular business meetings will be held every second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Future plans have been made and we are all excited to be re-organized. We are starting off with a fellowship dinner to be held February 18 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and get acquainted with the members and the Okemah Indian Community Center. The center is located two blocks south off of Interstate 40 at the Okemah exit or across the road from the Fina Truck Stop.

Tulsa Community Begins Search for Program Developer

The Tulsa Creek Indian Community is seeking a program developer and coordinator according to community chairman Andrew Skeeter.

The program developer and coordinator will be responsible for researching available sources of funds for the organization, preparing proposals in accordance with funding agencies requirements, assist in the negotiation of the proposals and assist in the implementation of any projects funded. The job will also require involvement in the

planning of any businesses established for the community.

The applicant should have at least an Associates Degree with a Bachelors Degree preferred. Substantial experience in preparing proposals is desired. Applicant should have a familiarity with federal, state and local funding sources.

Applicant should have a good knowledge of organizational structures and dynamics. However, excellence in writing skills and materials organization is most important and some training

time will be allowed.

Indian preference (tribal preference) will be utilized to fill this position, subject to meeting qualifications of the position. Samples of applicant's previous work is to be submitted with resume. A part-time position for a qualified individual would be considered. Compensation negotiable.

Submit resume, transcripts and writing samples to: **Tulsa Creek Indian Community, 2100 E. 14th St., Suite 104, Tulsa, OK 74104.**

Big Cussetah Wild Onion Dinner Set March 18-

The Big Cussetah Indian Baptist Church is having a "Wild Onion Dinner" March 18 from noon until the food runs out at the Big Cussetah Church, located three miles east of Okmulgee on the Morris Highway, turning south for three and a half miles to the Church sign.

Indian Women's Issues...

An Indian Women's Issues Roundtable Discussion will be held February 26th from 2-5 p.m. at the Camelot Inn in Tulsa. This is the second meeting of the group who organized to address issues affecting Indian women- both young and older Indian women are encouraged to attend for an exchange of ideas in the critical issues affecting them. For further information, contact Donna Rhodes or Bernadette Huber at OCIE, 1-918-665-0595.

Addresses for the Rick Rowe Russ Berrie Toy Drive Given

Several recipients of the 1988 Rick Rowe Toy Drive have inquired about to whom and where letters of appreciation can be sent. To contact the people responsible for the most recent toy drive contact: **Fred Sussman, c/o The Russ Berrie Company, 111 Bauer Drive, Oakland, New Jersey, 07436 and Rick Rowe, Ayuda Toy Drive, Lock Bar (R), Rahway, New Jersey, 07065.**



Creek Student Receives Honorary State Title-

Stephanie Yazzie, Oklahoma City, was named Honorary Lieutenant Governor of the State, by Lt. Governor Robert S. Kerr III, January 6. Her grandfather, A.O. Davis reported to MNN that she received a Certificate of Recognition for her "devoted and loyal service" to the State and for her academic accomplishments and community spirit. We congratulate her!

Creek Calendars

The Creek Nation Communications Dept. still has a few calendars left. The cost is \$3.00 make checks payable to C.N. Communications Dept. P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447.

Creek Woman Top Bowler-

Letha Rutherford, Kerny, Arizona, is listed as one of the top 100 bowlers in the nation. Rutherford, born and raised in this area, graduated from Morris High School and is the daughter of Della Beaver of Okmulgee. She is the sister of Second Chief Perry Beaver.

Rutherford lives in Arizona with her three daughters and travels extensively on the national Bowling circuit each year.

CN Emergency Funeral Assistance Guidelines-

To receive emergency burial assistance from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Services Division during weekends and holidays contact your district representative to the National Council or Jim Hill at 689-3032 or Vicki Carpenter at 743-3320.

GET WELL SOON, WOODROW!

The CN Communications staff, Creek Nation, the Glenpool Indian Community, and all your friends are praying for your speedy recovery, Woodrow Haney. May God bless you with His strength.

-MNN Staff

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program Eligibility Criteria

Creek Nation Food Distribution Program —Located at 4th and Alabama Street—

You May Be Eligible If You:

- Are enrolled as a tribal member or possess a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card.
- Reside within the Creek Nation boundaries and outside the city limits of a city with a population of less than 10,000.
- Are working for low pay or not working at all.
- Are receiving public, general or other assistance payments.

COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
CREEK NATION COMPLEX
P.O. BOX 580
OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA 74447
PHONE: 756-3467

YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN BOTH FOOD STAMPS AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT THE SAME TIME.

WE WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, CREED, SEX, AGE, HANDICAP, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR POLITICAL BELIEF.

Distribution sites are served twice a month except for Wetumka and Hanna. The site closest to your residence is where you will pick up your commodities. Distribution sites are: Holdenville, Coweta, Okemah, Glenpool, Eufaula, Bristow, Kellyville, Weleetka, Okmulgee, Dewar, Hanna, Checotah and Wetumka.



Creek Students Attend Leadership Training at University



ATTENDING THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT OU were, left to right, Osce Wilson, Becky Froman, Chris Natesway and Lou McCulley of the Eufaula Dormitory. Not pictured but attending were Johnna Townsend and Vicky Kelly, with Sponsor Norma King, of the Okmulgee School System.

By Dean Tiger, Creek Nation Youth Specialist

The Youth Council Project has been introduced to the chartered Creek Nation communities. It is our wish that our presentations were informative as well as a ray of

hope in the eyes of parents as we move toward helping our youth become the very best they can be.

On January 12, 1989 the staff attended a workshop in Norman.

The American Indian Institute (All) and United Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) invited Oklahoma tribes to assist them in developing youth councils and in providing leadership training for Oklahoma Indian youth.

The staff arranged for six Indian youth to be able to take part in this very important meeting. Those students attending were Lori McCulley, Osce Wilson, Chris Natesway and Becky Froman; all from Eufaula. Okmulgee students attending were Vicky Kelly and Johnna Townsend.

A youth panel was developed to discuss the concerns and issues of Oklahoma Indian youth. The panel raised issues that the Creek Nation Native American Youth Project (CNNAYP) will address.

The CNNAYP staff were recognized as one of the forerunners in establishing youth councils in Oklahoma. The group also addressed tribal leaders.

At the Norman meeting, fourteen tribes were represented and the session was a big success.

Other meetings are being planned on a quarterly basis. The interest showed by these tribes can be useful to develop a working network that will benefit everyone in establishing youth councils for their respective tribe.

The next step for the CNNAYP is to contact schools within the Creek Nation so a meeting with the Indian students can be scheduled and the program can be introduced to the students.

Editor's Note: At presstime, it was learned that the Creek Nation Native American Youth Project was not funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. However, Vicki Carpenter, CN Division of Community Services Director, said, "We are looking now at other alternatives for funding. Although we will be able to operate until April 15 with the funding we presently have, we are continuing to seek funds for this Youth project."

Nominations Sought By AIRD, Inc. for Summer Gifted/Talented Student Program

The American Indian Research and Development, Inc. (AIRD, INC.) of Norman will again be sponsoring its summer program "Explorations in Creativity IV" in July. The event is tentatively scheduled at Haskell Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas. EIC IV is a three-week residential summer program and is designed for 125 Indian gifted and talented American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades eight through eleven.

Curriculum offerings will include enrichment and culturally-related materials and

activities in the following fourteen major areas: Mathematics, Ethnoscience, Computer Education, Creative Writing, Contemporary Indian Affairs/Tribal Government, Indian Philosophy/Indian History, Video Production, Photography, Instrumental Music, Athletics, Indian Art, Dance, Vocal Music, and Indian Theatre. All course areas will incorporate activities to enhance creative potential, critical thinking, futuristics, and leadership skills for the selected gifted and talented Indian students.

Elective courses include:

Communications Skills, Indian Philosophy, Leadership, Tribal Song and Dance, Archery, Recreational Golf, Outdoor Survival, Indian Literature, and Choosing a Career.

Student nominations for this session are being taken immediately and will be accepted through **February 16**. Student screening and selection will occur in early March and selected students will be notified by mid-March.

Students may be nominated by teachers, administrators, counselors, parents, relatives,

peers, tribal personnel, other community persons or themselves. To nominate a student, please forward a letter to AIRD, Inc. stating student's name, address, phone number and grade in school (should currently be in the 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grades).

For further information on how to submit student nominations, please contact Stuart Tonemah or Mary Ann Brittan by calling 1-405-364-0656 or writing American Indian Research & Development Inc., 2424 Springer Drive, Norman, OK 73069.

The Okmulgee Indian Community

SWEETHEART CONTEST

Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____ Present Age: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Parents' Name: _____

Eligibility Guidelines

1. Be a resident of the Okmulgee Indian Community.
2. Six categories: newborn - 12 months; 13 months - 2 years; 3 - 5 years; 6 - 9 years; 10 - 12 years; 13 - 14 years.
3. Votes will be counted as one (1) cent per vote. All monies to be turned in weekly on Friday beginning January 20 through February 10, 1989. Return monies to Mrs. Derrisaw in the elderly dining room at the Creek Nation Complex between 1 and 2 p.m.
4. Once a person is entered, each participant will be required to turn in monies each week.
5. First place winners in each category will receive an award. All contestants will receive a consolation prize.
6. All contestants are to be present for rehearsal on Sunday, February 12, 1989 at 2:30 p.m. in the Okmulgee Indian Community Center.
7. All contestants to be at the center by 6:00 p.m. on February 13, 1989. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.
8. Decorate your money container and put your picture on it. It could be a winner!

For more information contact: Gayle Bevenue, 756-4752; Chiquita McNac, 756-4996; Vicky Watashe, 756-9387; or Cilla Litsey, 756-8700



Thlopthlocco Seeks Support of Creek Nation in Minerals Suit

By Jim Wolfe

The Thlopthlocco tribal town, a recognized entity organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act passed in the 1930's, is seeking support from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in its attempt to reclaim diverted mineral rights and royalties that have been placed in Creek tribal accounts since the early 1970's.

According to Curtis Canard, a Thlopthlocco town member and geological consultant, a 1973 memorandum from the acting field solicitor of the U.S. Department of Interior determined arbitrarily that the royalties, bonuses and other revenues derived from the mineral deposits of more than 2,200 acres belonged to the Creek Nation and not Thlopthlocco.

According to Canard, there are 60 active members attending quarterly meetings and at least 600 members on the roll and possibly more.

Thlopthlocco lands are located southwest of Okemah in Okfuskee County.

Under the OIWA of 1936, three Creek towns, Alabama Quassarte, Kialigee and Thlopthlocco organized and became recognized as tribal entities.

The Muscogee Nation did not become organized under the 1936 Act.

Thlopthlocco tribal members began pooling their original allotments, all of it trust land, to form the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town as the organization for which the lands would be placed in trust.

The royalties and revenues from the Thlopthlocco land were originally placed in a Minerals Management Account for them. In 1972, a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs was sent to Thlopthlocco informing them that an \$800 mistake had been credited to the IIM accounts for Thlopthlocco and that the money should have been deposited in a Creek Nation Account.

The town council and leadership thought little of the error since there was not much energy activity occurring in the area in the early 1970's.

Canard says Thlopthlocco wanted to invest in an economic development project related to energy in 1976.

When the town council discovered their IIM account balance, the leaders were shocked to see that they had little money actually deposited.

According to a January 1989 letter from Dennis Daughtery, associate solicitor for the Division of Indian Affairs, "several previous

memoranda (from) the Solicitor's Office have confirmed that Thlopthlocco is the beneficial owner of the surface estate to these lands, but has also determined that the Creek Nation is owner of the mineral estate."

The reason for such a determination, is that the Creek Nation is "entitled to the mineral estate because it had repaid the United States" money spent purchasing the lands. This was determined in an Indian Claims Commission judgement action (ICC Docket 21).

Canard says that the offset claims were absurd when first presented. Included in the offset costs accrued since 1814 are salaries for the mule team drivers that accompanied the forced removal of the Creeks, travel costs incurred by tribal officials to meet with Department of Interior representatives and the like.

At first, the U.S. tried to claim more than \$2.5 million. Creek attorney Paul Niebel was instrumental in getting this reduced to \$90,000.

Though Thlopthlocco disputes this claim arguing correctly that the town was organized and recognized before the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Canard says that records from tribal town minutes and in correspondence with the Bureau prove the town purchased land already in trust for Thlopthlocco from Creek citizens.

To resolve the issue, the tribal town will send representatives to the Department of Interior in Washington D.C.

Before that trip occurs, the leadership of Thlopthlocco wanted a resolution from the Creek Nation supporting Thlopthlocco in its endeavors and renouncing any claim for the mineral rights and revenues derived from those lands held in trust for the town.

At a January 25 meeting of the National Council Investigative and Fact Finding Committee, Thlopthlocco officers and Canard appeared before the Committee to plead its case.

At that meeting Canard told the Committee that the town was not seeking a judgement against the Creek Nation but against Interior and that Thlopthlocco was not represented at the infamous Docket 21.

Canard reported that a well drilled on allotted land belonging to his father, former Principal Chief and Thlopthlocco micco, Roly Canard had a revenue producing gas well on that restricted land but that the money was being diverted into the Creek

Nation treasury.

"We want this cleared up once and for all," said Canard. "All we're trying to do is the right thing."

The resolution from that Committee to the National Council was modified on the floor of the National Council January 28 meeting.

The modified resolution, written by Creek District representative Ed Frye, reads "that the Muscogee (Creek) National Council fully supports Thlopthlocco in its endeavors to have this disagreement adjudicated and put to rest forever."

At the January 25 Fact Finding Committee meeting Frye said "Something needs to be determined by the courts, tribal or federal."

The original resolution supported "the claim of Thlopthlocco Tribal Town for future revenues/royalties from minerals taken from lands held in trust" for the town.

The resolution was passed at the January 28 Council Session. It was according to National Council Speaker Ken Childers a "supporting action" of the efforts to clarify the matter. Childers had earlier written a letter to Solicitor Daughtery asking an extension of time to make a response to the Interior Department.

Canard sought the Council support and considered it an advantage when he presented Thlopthlocco's claims to Interior.

Canard told the representatives, "We're asking the Council to clear this up and support us. The BIA position is indefensible and you people will be responsible for correcting this mistake."

While supporting the town's efforts to resolve the issue through

the legal system, at least two Council members expressed concern that the Creek Nation may be ordered to return the monies that have been diverted to the tribe.

Tulsa District Representative Jerry Wilson, who left before the vote was taken on the resolution, said later that the tribe's "Constitution says I am to look out for the best interest of the tribe."

Canard insists that Thlopthlocco wants no back pay and will not seek damage claims against the Creek Nation.

"There is no way to learn who instigated the diversion (of money) in 1971," says Canard. "Interior is responsible."

Canard noted that the Department of Interior did not attempt to recover payments made to a black man in the "Austin Walker Case". There too, Interior diverted Indian royalty money to the wrong man and lost in court and was ordered to pay the deserving Austin Walker full restitution.

The money has been "a windfall for the Creek Nation" and believes as much as \$1 million has been diverted from Thlopthlocco to the Creek Nation.

Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox believes Thlopthlocco might get more than mineral royalties.

"This issue has been addressed before," said Cox. Thlopthlocco Tribal Town's claim (for mineral rights) is misleading."

Cox pointed out that Thlopthlocco Tribal Town members are also "members of the Creek Nation" who receive

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Council), they darn sure better inform us," responded Bill Fife, Okfuskee District Representative.

Foster admitted that there had been some miscommunication but added, "I took Childers' advice and (have) contained myself to gaming and taxation." Foster said he was asked by Principal Chief Claude Cox to initiate the idea.

Council however, thought the issue was dead. Council also heard from the LARC people in August and chilled to the idea of a theme park and its price tag.

Childers summed the Council's feelings about any \$43 million investment saying, "We've got to be concerned about our people and we've got to be careful" with tribal funds.

Though the theme park is no longer viable with this present Council, consideration is still being made on the options for land purchases at the U.S. 66 state highway 33 junction that crosses the Turner Turnpike west of Sapulpa.

The tribe still retains the option to purchase land in five separate tracts though the options on three pieces of land will expire by February 13. The options on the two other tracts expire March 1, 1989 and May 1, 1989.

Neither renewing the land options or purchasing the land were placed on the January 28 National Council agenda. For the Council to act on the options, a Special Session would have to be called.



A Letter from BIA Chief Ross Swimmer

Dear Chief Cox,

I have submitted my resignation to the President effective at the end of January. I am taking this opportunity to express my thanks to you for the support you have shown to me these past three years. Your willingness to listen to new ideas, support innovative proposals and meet with me as I went around Indian country is very much appreciated.

As you know, I have served in this position by commuting between Tulsa, Oklahoma, where my family is, and Washington D.C. It is now time to go home and leave the Bureau of Indian Affairs to those who will follow. I encourage all of you to let the new administration know of your preference for my successor and to continue building an Indian policy based on support of tribal government and self-determination. There are tremendous opportunities in Indian country for tribes and for Indian projects that will create a better quality of life for Indian people. I am certain that the administration will be willing to work with all tribal leaders as you explore and develop these opportunities.

I wish all of you the best. Good luck as you continue building toward the future.

Sincerely,
Ross O. Swimmer,
Assist. Sec., Indian Affairs

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goods and services from the tribe. "It will be up to Congress to decide on anything that belongs to the people of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

Cox added there is the possibility he may have to become involved in the claim because of his elected status as Principal Chief.

"There shouldn't be any alienation between the town and the tribe," said Canard. "The tribe has spent the money and we're going to recover the loss from Interior."

Canard pointed out that the royalty monies are "now about \$50,000 a year compared to a \$26 million tribal budget."

Canard says the town is ready to begin an "accelerated economic development program" once Thlopthlocco "gets our money back."

"We were damaged by the lost economic opportunities for Thlopthlocco," says Canard. "But once you're bruised, you're bruised."

"You've got to heal."

McIntosh Wins School Board Election-

Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District Representative, won the January 24th School Board Election held for the Stidham Independent School District. Sandy won over Susie Deer, 62-59 votes.

The CN National Council member currently farms in Stidham where he has lived for seventy-two years. He retired in 1980 from the Ammunition Depot in McAlester. Mr. McIntosh has served previously on the Stidham School Board for fifteen years- completing his last term in 1965.

McIntosh said he intends to support the school in the progress it has been making- "We have a good school and even a band now- we hope to get more programs for our Indian students."



Sandy McIntosh

CN Housing Authority Notified of Assessment-

The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation was notified recently of the results of the yearly Administrative Capabilities Assessment (ACA) report performed by the Oklahoma City HUD Field office.

Out of a possible 100%, the Creek Housing Authority received a 96% for administration. This high rating indicates that the Creek Housing Authority is one of the most efficiently-ran Indian Housing Authority's in the state and Kansas, Texas and Louisiana.

The ACA reviews all facets of operation such as record keeping, tracking of funds, audit reports, delinquent accounts and so forth. The latter area can be contributed as one of the reasons for the Housing Authority not receiving a perfect rating. However, the Housing Authority is now taking a firmer stance in that regard.

Although the high rating is encouraging, the Creek Nation Housing Authority is continuing to strive for improvements for the Federal Regulations for the program are continuously being modified and changed.

Sam Whitlow is the Director of the CN Housing Authority, located at the Creek Tribal Complex, Okmulgee. Since it's creation under State Law in July, 1967, the CN Housing Authority has provided housing for over 1,910 Indian families.

-Note of Appreciation-

We would like to thank everyone for their presence, cards, letters and flowers sent to the hospital and the funeral. Your prayers and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated.

From the James Hicks Family

MNN Reader Seeks Information-

Dear MNN,

I am trying to get in contact with Patricia (Patty) Fargar and our two grandchildren- D.W. Baker, age 6 and Aran Baker, around four years old. If Patty sees this notice or anyone knows of them, please write us: Betty Baker, Rt. 1, Box 315a at Holdenville, OK 74848.

Thank you,
Betty Baker

Note of Appreciation from the Beaver Family-

Our family will always be thankful for the many friends who expressed so much kindness in thought, word, and deed, during the illness and death of our husband, father, son and brother, John Beaver, Jr.

Your expressions of concern will always be held in grateful remembrance.

The John Beaver, Jr. Family



-Notice to MNN Readers-

Due to the cost of printing and postage of the Muscogee Nation News the MNN is mailed one per household, although there may be several enrolled members living in the same household.

We appreciate readers wanting to have their friends and relatives added to the MNN mailing list, but please when submitting names and addresses by phone or letter, give that persons enrollment number, otherwise they will not be added to the mailing list.

MVTO!

Guest Column:

Reflections of Earth and Sky- Spiritual Legacy

It has been stated many times by great men of renown that there is a grand design and purpose for all things both great and small. Yet in these days of material distraction, it is hard sometimes to see the purpose.

We must first look at the definition of "purpose"- which would be more in line with respect for creation in a spiritual sense. I believe that we would have Webster's approval. "Purpose," then is "the reason for the place and foundation of the existence of thing." We will not dwell on the mundane purpose for man-made things yet although we will refer to it briefly in this article.

Especially how we, as Native Americans might have a place in that purpose. Yet according to popular notion, we as Indians have been blessed with an innate respect for creation in a spiritual sense. Seeking to understand and reclaim this is vital to our continuity as an ethnic people. This will enable us to see and voice our destiny.

Let us look at the Indian's ancient belief in the circle of God's creation. The heavenly bodies such as the stars, planets, moon and sun revolve in cycles or circles. The living creations, as we know them upon the earth, revolve in cycles, which establishes the order of the seasons and also the seasons of such living things, plants, animals, and you and I. Each one affects the other, we are all related...

This is a fact with which the Creator's Spirit has dealt with very closely. Being mindful of this serious relationship to God's Creation, we will become aware of the spiritual nature of harmony and purpose that seems to outshine the trivial pursuits of man to gain his own self-importance.

It is urgent that we as Native Americans now, work to realize and reclaim our place in the Great Circle of things, for we were not created to be overwhelmed by the power of materialistic preferences. Yet that too, has a purpose, but it does not occupy a place for very long.

We are special and unique in that we do have a place and a purpose to fulfill the destiny of our Indian people...consider the Earth and Sky.

Love, Peace and Respect,



Tom Berryhill, Jr.



U.S. Census Bureau Lists Testing Dates-

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting testing dates in Oklahoma City on the following dates and sites listed below:

February 6- Oklahoma City Job Service starting at 1:00 p.m.

February 7- Urban League, 3017 N. Martin Luther King Ave., at 9:00 and 1:00 p.m.

February 8- Urban League at 9:00 and 1:00.

February 10- Job Services at 9:00 only.

February 13- Job Services at 1:00 only.

February 14-15- Job Services at 9 and 1:00.

February 16- American Indian Employ. Service at 9 and 1:00.

February 17- Oklahoma Job Services at 9:00 a.m.

Eufaula Dormitory Semester Honor Roll

Elementary

Charlie Harrison
Stacey Arnold
Bryan Holt
Crystal Proctor
Micco Cummings
Nekina Eckwardy
Harold Island
Agnes Givens
Luke Holuby
Bobby Davis

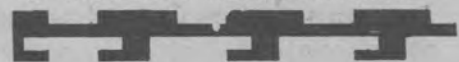
Junior High

Susan Baker
Melanie Fixico
Lucinda Eskamire

High School

Cheryl Factor
Sheldon Herrod
Lori McCulley
Osce Wilson
Chris Natseway (Second Term)

We congratulate these students for their hard work in school!



Sapulpa Indian Education to Host Winter Stomp Dance-

Sapulpa Public Schools Title IV Indian Education Program is hosting an indoor "Winter Stomp Dance" at the Silver Dollar Ballroom, west of Sapulpa on U.S. Highway 66, between Sapulpa and Kellyville, on Saturday, February 25 beginning at 7:00 p.m. There is no money involved to attend according to Dwight Pickering, Indian Education Director at Sapulpa. For further information contact Pickering at 913/224-9322.

Creek Delegation Attends Inaugural Ceremonies-



THIS CREEK DELEGATION ATTENDED THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL CEREMONIES IN WASHINGTON IN JANUARY and were in attendance, by invitation, at the American Indian Inaugural Ball, held Friday, January 20, at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Attending were: left to right, Johnson Buck, National Council Representative for the Holdenville District; Donna Rhodes, National Council Representative for the Tulsa District; Dorothy Burden, Creek citizen (who visited with her daughter, Susan Barnett, who is a graphic artist at the local Marine Corp base), and Robert Buck, National Council Representative for Holdenville.

-photo by Jim Wolfe

The 1989 Muscogee (Creek) National Council-



THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL ARE SHOWN AT THE JANUARY 28 QUARTERLY MEETING in the Mound Auditorium with twenty-four of their twenty-six members present. They are, left to right, back row: Roy Bear, Creek District; Ed Frye, Creek District; Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District; Harley Little, Muskogee District; Clarence Cloud, Creek District; German Thomas, Wagoner District; Mickey Primeaux, Wagoner District; Kenneth Childers, Speaker/Tulsa District; Frank E. Kamp, Second Speaker/McIntosh District; Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee District; Tommy Newton, McIntosh District; Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District; Bill Fife, Okfuskee/Seminole District; Barton Williams, Okmulgee District; Seated, left to right: Helen Chupco, Muskogee District; Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa District; Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee/Seminole District; Robert Buck, Hughes District; Johnson Buck, Hughes District; Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee District; Bill Burden, Okfuskee District; Donna Rhodes, Tulsa District; Leah Stacy, Okmulgee District; and George Almerigi, Okmulgee District. Not pictured were Jonas Dunson, Hughes District and Larry Bible, Tulsa District.

-photo by Jim Wolfe



Creek Nation Directory of Program Directors and Managers

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Liaison to the Chief - George Tiger	ext. 202

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Management Information Services - Rick Kelly, supervisor	ext. 253
Contracts - Lucien Berryhill, manager	ext. 251
Communications - Kathryn Bell, editor	ext. 312
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Adult Education - Joe Washington Jr., manager	ext. 335
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Creek Nation Checotah Bingo - Billy J. Fox, manager	473-5200
Creek Nation Eufaula Bingo - James Stuart, manager	689-1919

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Muscogee (Creek) National Council

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Frank Kamp, Second Speaker	ext. 341

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Jimmy Gibson, Okmulgee Agency Superintendent	756-3950
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—Area Conferences, Symposiums, Etc.—

NAPA Conference Set March 2-4 in Tulsa-

BOULDER, CO - Examining the rights of an individual in a tribal society is one of several agenda items scheduled for the Fifth Annual Journalism Education and Training Conference hosted by the Native American Press Association. P. Sam Deloria, American Indian attorney, will be keynoting the conference.

The conference, scheduled for March 2-4, 1989, at the Sheraton-Kensington Hotel in Tulsa, offers workshops for students, journalists and tribal personnel.

This year for the first time in the organization's history, public relations workshops will be offered to tribes and organizations. In particular, are workshops offered on coalition building, image projecting and helping tribes work with the media.

Other courses offered include workshops in radio, news management, editing, photography, layout and design, ethics and responsibility.

Another agenda item is the career day and job fair scheduled for minority students in the state of Oklahoma and surrounding areas. Increasing the number of minority students, especially American Indians, in the newspaper and radio business is a major priority of NAPA, director Susan Arkeketa said. It is also a start in a nationwide effort of the journalism minority organizations to work together in promoting

minorities in the newsroom, she added.

NAPA will also be awarding \$3,000 in scholarships to aspiring American Indian journalism students at its scholarship dinner. Vivian Vahlberg, executive director of the Society of Professional Journalists, will be featured speaker at the dinner. In addition, NAPA will be honoring outstanding reporters and Indian newspapers at its awards ceremony.

Pre-registration is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. Students and senior citizens are admitted free. For registration information, contact Susan Arkeketa, P.O. Box 1734, Boulder, CO, 80306-01734, or call 303/447-8760. Pre-registration deadline is February 10, 1989.

NAPA Awards Ceremony

The best of Indian country's newspapers and journalists will be honored at an awards ceremony during the Native American Press Association's 5th Annual Journalism Education and Training Conference, scheduled March 2-4, 1989 in Tulsa, at the Sheraton-Kensington Hotel.

TULSA INDIAN ARTS FESTIVAL
March 17-19

Tulsa Fairgrounds Pavilion
For more information, call 838-3875.

City of Faith to Host Indian Open House-

The City of Faith, Tulsa, will host, for the first time, an All-Indian Open House Health Awareness Day at the Mabee Center, March 4th.

There will be Health Screening for Glaucoma, Diabetes, Cholesterol, and Blood Pressure. In addition, there will be Gospel Singing and a Pow-Wow. The schedule is as follows:

10:00- Welcome & Featured Speaker
11:00- Tours & Screening at City of Faith
12:00 Noon- Lunch at City of Faith
1:00- Gospel Singing in Mabee Center
5:00- Supper at Mabee Center
6:00 Gourd Dancing

Everyone is invited and the M.C. will be Tom Roughface. Arts and Crafts Welcome. For further information, contact Gwen Heyman, City of Faith, 493-8798.



"Gathering of Nations" Pow-Wow Set April 14-15

The "Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow" and Miss Indian World Pageant will be held in Albuquerque April 14-15.

Boy Scouts to Host All-Night Bowl in Tulsa-

The Boy Scouts of America, Indian Nations Council will host an All-Night Bowling event February 24 at the Riverlanes Bowling Alley in South Tulsa. Everyone is welcome in teen category 14-20. The event starts at midnite and goes until 8:00 A.M. Tickets can be bought in advance for \$5.50 or \$7 at the door. This includes shoes, soft drinks and snack, but leaders recommend that everyone bring their own snacks and cooler of soft drinks. A parent must supervise drinks. Parents must attend with youth and supervise. For more information, contact Bobby Schultz, District Executive, Creek Nation District, 756-2233 or Bob Bentley, Senior Explorer Executive, at the Council Office, 743-6125.

17th Annual Symposium on the American Indian Set-

The 17th Annual Symposium on the American Indian "Centennial: Legacy of the American Indian" will be held April 3-8 at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

For more information on the Symposium, registration and workshops, contact Carol Young, Symposium Chairperson, Division of Social Science, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK 74464-7098.



—OBITUARIES—

ABBIE LEASTER DEO

Mrs. Abbie Leaster Deo, 75, of Hanna, died Friday, January 6, 1989 at her home.

Wake services were held Jan. 8 at Hillabee Baptist Church in Hanna. Funeral services were Monday at Hillabee. Burial was in the Hanna Cemetery under the direction of Black's Funeral Home, Eufaula.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel, of the home; six daughters, Juanita Kelly of Sand Springs, Nancy Bruner of Haysville, Kansas, Joycetta Bark of Tulsa, Lonie Tapia of Renton, Washington, Izora Goff of Tulsa, Dorene Murray of Englewood, Colorado; one stepson, Richard Deo of Norman; one brother David Cummings, of Shawnee; one sister, Hettie Tiger of Tulsa; 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Born April 28, 1913, in Hanna, Mrs. Deo was the daughter of Rufus and Lena Smith Cummings. She grew up and attended school in Hanna and had been a lifetime resident. She was married to Samuel Deo in February 1959 in Tulsa. She was a homemaker and member of Hillabee Baptist Church, Hanna.

IDA TILLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Tilley, 66, were held Saturday, January 7, 1989 at 2 p.m. in the United Pentecostal Church with Rev. David Shatwell officiating. She died Jan. 4, 1989 in a Tulsa hospital.

Mrs. Tilley was born in Okemah on July 7, 1922. She was the daughter of Michiley and Martha Henneha and had lived in Okemah all of her life.

She was married to Alfred Leroy Tilley March 2, 1944 at Sapulpa and he preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1987. Mrs. Tilley was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Okemah.

Survivors include seven sons, Lester, George, Leroy, Emmett, Kim, Roger and Tracy Tilley, all of Okemah; five daughters, Mrs. Josie Lee, Paden, Mrs. Marilyn Simpson, Kansas City, Missouri, Mrs. Martha Beck, Florida, Mrs. Helen Leonard, Kellyville, and Miss Zelva Tilley, Okemah; one brother, Tom Henneha, Okemah; three sisters, Mrs. Lucy McKane, Okemah, Mrs. Bessie Bell, Okmulgee and Mrs. Jean Tilley, Mason; 34 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the private family cemetery under the direction of Park Brothers Funeral Home.

AGGIE MARSHALL BOSS

Mrs. Aggie Marshall Boss, 69 year old resident of Okmulgee, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 1989 at her home west of Okmulgee.

Mrs. Boss was born Sept. 6, 1919 in Okmulgee. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, J.C. Boss of the home; one daughter, Debra Ramona of the home; one son, George L. Boss of Okmulgee; one sister, Yannah (Marshall) Reeves of Tulsa; two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Wake services were Jan. 10 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel in Okmulgee.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel. Rev. Mike Harjo officiated. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Rueben Chalakee, Tom Berryhill, Henry Tarpalechee, Tom Sunny, Bob Hardridge and Steven Woodfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of McLendon Funeral Home.

JAMES HICKS

James Emerson Hicks, 67 year old resident of Broken Arrow, died Tuesday, January 10, 1989 in Tulsa.

Mr. Hicks was born July 25, 1922 in Okemah and was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his sister, Rhoda Burgess of Broken Arrow; a brother, Bobby K. Hicks of California; and several nieces and nephews.

Wake services were held Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Montezuma Baptist Church near Haydonville.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 13, 1989 at the Montezuma Baptist Church, with interment following in the Montezuma Cemetery under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home, Henryetta.

LOTTIE CELESTE INGRAM

Lottie Celeste Ingram, 88 of Eufaula, died Tuesday, January 10, 1989 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 13 at the Big Arbor Church, Stidham with the Rev. Boney McIntosh officiating.

Burial was in the Ingram Family Cemetery under the direction of Blacks Funeral Home, Eufaula.

Pallbearers were Sandy McIntosh, William Roy Carey, Sam Johnson, Grayson Laman, Leon

Jennings and Mark Harjo.

Mrs. Ingram was born April 25, 1900 at Stidham, Indian Territory. She grew up in Stidham and attended the Eufaula Boarding School. She was a lifelong resident of the Eufaula area and was a member of the Big Arbor Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Edna Planter, of Irving, Texas and Violet Jenkins of Idabel; one son, Freemon Ingram, of Eufaula; two brothers, Thomas Ingram of Eufaula and Homer Ingram of Washington; two sisters, Sadie Pruitt of Muskogee, and Hazel Graham of Eufaula; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

JOHN BEAVER, JR.

John Beaver, Jr., 51 year old resident of Morris, died Monday, January 16, 1989 in Okmulgee.

Beaver was born May 27, 1937, in Muskogee and worked at the Muskogee (Creek) Nation as a land operation manager.

He is survived by his wife, Twyla Beaver of the home; four daughters, Dora Beaver and Nancy Beaver, both of Tulsa, Jeanie Beaver of Henryetta, and Joni Mae Beaver of the home; one son, Buddy Beaver of Henryetta; his mother, Della Mae Beaver of Okmulgee; three brothers, William H. Beaver of Del City, Robert Beaver of Jenks, and Pete Beaver of Muskogee; and six sisters, Letha Rutherford of Kearney, Arizona, Miley Hargis of Jenks, Cora Berryhill of Midwest City, Jean Froman of Eufaula, Hanna Beaver and Sally Wittman, both of Okmulgee.

Wake services were held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Big Cussetah United Methodist Church, with Rev. Tom Long officiating. Interment was in the Big Cussetah Cemetery near Morris.

Arrangements were under the direction of McLendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Gino Berryhill, Anderson Berryhill, Brant Beaver, Brent Beaver, Edwin Moore, Jr., Buddy Moore, David Moore, John Beaver, Darrell Beaver, Drew Wittman and Kyle Wittman.

CHARLES LANDON HILL, JR.

Funeral services for Charles Landon Hill, Jr., infant son of Charles Landon Hill, Sr., and Tammy Mayes were held Tuesday, January 17 at 2 p.m. in the Parks Brothers Funeral Home Chapel

with the Rev. Mike Harjo officiating. The infant died Jan. 15, 1989.

Survivors include his parents, Charles Landon Hill, Sr., and Tammy Mayes, Okemah; maternal grandparents, Mrs. Stella Garcia, Okemah and Roger Mayes, Kentucky; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill, Okemah; maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yarholer, Okemah, and George Mayes, Pharoah; paternal great-grandparents, Mrs. Ollie Rawdon, Okemah, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Sanders, Rocknak, Georgia, Mrs. Elaine Holmes, Kewauuee, Wisconsin, and Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Hill, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Interment was in the Scott Family Cemetery under the direction of the Parks Brothers Funeral Home.

REV. MARTIN M. GIVENS

Services were held Tuesday, January 17, at 1 p.m. for Rev. Martin M. Givens at the Salt Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Moss Scott officiating. Rev. Givens died Jan. 13, 1989 in a Tulsa hospital.

He was born March 8, 1910 at Hanna to Choctaw and Kessie Givens. He attended the Hanna Public Schools and moved to Wetumka in 1931. He moved to California in 1950 and then returned to Okemah in 1973. While in California, he organized a church in the Los Angeles area. He was a member of the Salt Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy Givens of the home; two sons, William Givens, Los Angeles, California, and Thomas Givens, Phoenix, Arizona; two daughters, Rita Ruiz, Phoenix, Arizona and Marjie Jones, Los Angeles, California; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and a host of freinds and other relatives.

Burial was in the Barnes Family Cemetery under the direction of Buckley-Williamson Funeral Home of Wetumka.

IRENE JULIA DOWNEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Irene Julia Downey, 70, were held Wednesday, January 18 at the Parks Brothers Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Faye Good officiating. She died January, 16, 1989 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.

Mrs. Downey was born at Bristow on September 19, 1918, the daughter of Fred and Iva

**Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .***"Is there not a cause?" 2 Samuel 17:29*

I find it sad when I sometimes ask high school or college aged youth what their plans are for the future. Very often they reply that they "don't know". Their only goal is to fulfill their immediate desires. They are drifting aimlessly. No wonder many feel life is so hopeless. Many fall into a life of drug or alcohol addiction. Many end their lives by suicide. This is true of many adults also. They have no 'cause' for which to live.

Others do have causes for which they strive. Their goals are to have houses, cars, clothes, positions, social networks and other symbols that they believe will enhance their status. We can personally speak from experience about this cause. We began our young adult lives striving to reach all the above goals. It was like a man climbing a mountain and when he reached the top, there was nothing there. Just emptiness. We sat one day taking inventory of our lives after we had reached our goals and like the song which Peggy Lee sang about then, we had to say, "Is That All There Is?" Is that all there is to life; emptiness?

We have met other precious Indian people who have truly worthy causes for which they live. And, that is to better the situation of their own people by working in tribal government and politics. We have sat and wept with them as they shared their burden for their people. However, many don't realize that the root cause of the problems is that the Destroyer, Satan, has control of things. Only God, through his son Jesus Christ, can give deliverance from problems, change lives and situations. Any other solutions will only be temporary.

If we miss the ultimate cause for living our goals are only for the earthbound things, then we will live our lives and go out of this world empty, disillusioned and bitter. We find our fulfillment by receiving Jesus Christ as our Savior, and then totally committing our lives to him. Things don't fulfill our innermost needs. Jesus does. But that isn't the end. The Bible says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

"Delight thyself in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalms 36:4

As we begin this new year, let us reassess our lives, our goals, our causes. People dedicate their lives and even die for much lesser causes than ours as Christians. Serving Jesus Christ is the greatest cause for which one could live, with the greatest rewards, both in this life and the one to come. The rewards are eternal.

During December I preached in several churches. On Sunday, Dec. 11, we were with Victory Baptist Church, Jerseyville, Illinois. On Monday we visited Bro. Ray Ditch at Gillispie, Ill., and I spoke at their chapel service in their school. We had a good service and good fellowship. On the 14th, I preached at Faith Indian Baptist. We had a good service and several people came for prayer. Then on Sunday, Dec. 18, we enjoyed a good day of fellowship with Fundamental Indian Baptist Church, Okmulgee. We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner with them.

On Dec. 21, I preached at Temple Baptist Church, McAlester. The Lord moved there in a great way. Several people came for prayer, while others stood and wept. I preached on Christmas Day in our home church and all our family was there. This was a great Christmas Day as our son-in-law Steve, was saved. Praise the Lord! We have been praying for him and the Lord is faithful!

On Dec. 31, I was with Nayimi Indian Baptist Church, Broken Bow, for watch night service, and then I also preached on Sunday morning and evening. We had a great service Saturday night, and then we had an Indian feast. The Lord also blessed with two good services on Sunday with people praying in the altar in each service.

We praise God for the good year He has given us. I believe we have seen more outward response to the preaching of the Word during this year than any previous year of this ministry. It seems Satan has fought harder also.

We received many Christmas cards and gifts this year and we want to sincerely express our appreciation. It really touches our hearts to be remembered by you. Thank you so much. Thank you also for praying for our health. My health has much improved. So far all the tests that have been made have come back all right. Please continue to pray for our health and strength.

Please pray also for the coming year of ministry, that God will open the hearts of people to His Word, that many will be saved, and Christians will be strengthened and that God will call for Indian people into his service as preachers, teachers and missionaries to the tribes who have no gospel witness. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Your missionaries to the North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest and Bennie Best

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Fenton. She was married to Lee Olen Downey at Bristow on August 18, 1937. The couple celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on August 18, 1988. Mrs. Downey was an employee of with the Community Action Foundation from 1968 until her retirement in 1980.

Survivors include her husband, Olen Downey, of the home in Okemah; one son, Lee O. Downey, Okemah; one daughter, Mrs. Marie Allen, Claremore; three brothers, Russell Fenton, Bucklin, Kansas, Willis Fenton, Bristow, and Ben Fenton, Vera; three sisters, Mrs. Fay Patrick, Grayson, Texas, Mrs. Lahoma Baker and Mrs. Betty Singleton, both of Collinsville; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gene Dunson, Jonas Dunson, James Earl Dunson, Jimmie Johnson, Richard Lee and Bill McElroy.

Interment was in the Highland Cemetery under the direction of the Parks Brothers Funeral Home.

ALBERT BEAR

Funeral services for Albert Bear, 61, were held Thursday, January 19 at the Montezuma Baptist Church with Rev. Willis Knight officiating. He died January 16, 1989 in a Tulsa hospital.

Bear was born at Henryetta on December 12, 1927. He was the son of Lonnie and Annie Bear and had been a resident of Okfuskee County most of his life. Bear was a retired heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lonnie Bear and one sister, Mrs. Stella Mueller.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Lonnie Bear, Okemah; five brothers, Lucky Bear, Huntsville, Alabama, Lon Bear, Clifford Bear, Ashley Bear and Bob Bear, all of Okemah; one sister, Mrs. Pat Noon, Okemah.

Pallbearers were Gaylon Bear, Daniel Bear, Franklin Bear, Kent Bear, Mike Bear, Rany Bear, Tim Bear, Carl Noon, William Noon, Leonard Yahola and Steve Yahola.

Interment was in the Montezuma Cemetery under the direction of the Parks Brothers Funeral Home.

RUBY LITTLEBEAR

Mrs. Newman (Ruby) Littlebear, 59 of Kellyville, died Tuesday, January 24, 1989 at Bartlett Memorial Medical Center.

Wake service was held Wednesday, January 25, at Pickett Chapel Indian Methodist Church with Rev. Joe Lowe and Rev. John Fixico officiating.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 26 at the church with Rev. Joe Lowe and Thomas Long officiating.

Interment was in the George Family Cemetery, Blue Bell, under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Sapulpa.

Littlebear was born August 24, 1929 in Kellyville and lived there all her life.

Survivors include her husband, Newman of the home; her father William Littlehead; one daughter, Linda Harjo of Sapulpa; four sons, Clifford and Grant Littlebear of the home and Keith and Mark Littlebear, both of Kellyville; two brothers, William and Alfred Littlehead, both of Shawnee; seven sisters, Winifred Robertson, Tyler, Texas, Linda Powell, Juanita Wakolee, Josephine Creech and Amy Hildebrandt, all of Shawnee and Mary Garione, Denver, Colorado; and 12 grandchildren.

STELLA HARJO

Mrs. Stella Mae Harjo, 68 year old resident of rural Henryetta, died Wednesday, January 25, 1989 in Claremore.

Harjo was born August 31, 1920 in Henryetta and was a member of First Indian Baptist Church in Okmulgee.

Survivors include her daughter, Helen Butler of Henryetta; two sisters, Eliza Starr of Henryetta and Betsy Taryole of Okmulgee; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Wake services were held at 7 p.m. Friday, January 27 at the Shurden Funeral Home Chapel in Henryetta.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 28 at the Shurden Chapel, with Rev. Bridge Chuckluck officiating. Interment will be in the Harjo Family Cemetery in Henryetta.

Arrangements were under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home in Henryetta.

ANNIE MAE DAVIS

Annie Mae Davis, 38 year old resident of Okmulgee, died January 28, 1989 in a Tulsa hospital. Miss Davis was born March 24, 1950 in Tahlequah and was a member of Big Cussetah Methodist Church.

Wake services were held Tuesday, January 31 in the Buchanan Memorial Chapel.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 1 in the Buchanan Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Tommy Shropshire officiating. Interment was in the Big Cussetah Cemetery under the direction of McLendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Tommy Davis, Roy Davis, Ray Davis, David Davis, Nathan Capps and John Lincoln.

Survivors include her parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis, Sr.; five brothers, Floyd Davis, Jr., Checotah, David and Tommy Davis, of Sapulpa, Roy Davis, Wagoner and Ray Davis, Okmulgee; six sisters, Carol Ryder, Cheryl Davis, Angela Davis and Theresa Lincoln, all of Okmulgee, Mary Capps, Muskogee and Galela Koehler, Startford.



NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES FROM OCT. 29 REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION: Jimmie Skeeter, Duck Creek

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Childers, Speaker, Muscogee (Creek) National Council

ROLL CALL: Speaker Childers declared a quorum with twenty-three (23) present, two absent, one seat vacant. Those absent were Robert and Johnson Buck. J. Buck was noted as entering Council Chambers after roll call.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Old Business: A message from the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-55 to the National Council with objections. The message was read and considered as follows: October 4, 1988. As Principal Chief, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 88-55 entitled "Appropriating Tax Revenues for the Koweta Indian community Smokeshop and Storage Building" to the National Council with the following objections:

Objection: Income from current community operations should be sufficient to cover the inventories and building.

The Koweta Indian Community received an appropriation to start up a smokeshop enterprise and purchase inventories. The sale of the initial inventories should have produced sufficient revenues at the community level to purchase new inventories and to construct a small storage building.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the community use its profits to purchase inventories and construct a storage building.

Therefore, NCA 88-55 is returned as a **Veto**. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief. The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override the veto. Motion made by Burden, seconded by Primeaux to override the veto. Upon motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four (24) in favor, none (0) against, no abstentions.

Motion Carries. Ordinance NCA 88-55 becomes law of the Muscogee Nation and shall be recorded as such.

2. A message of the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-59 to the National Council with objections. The message was read and considered as follows:

October 4, 1988. As Principal Chief, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 88-59 to the National Council with the following objections:

Objection One: Contracting for services is Constitutionally an Executive Branch Function

In accordance with the Tribal Constitution, contracting the services to the tribal government is a function of the executive branch. In the case of attorney services, the only legal and constitutional requirements are that the legislative branch authorize the Principal Chief to negotiate and execute an attorney contract and that the contract must be approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Objection Two: No mechanism exists for the National Council to retain and pay for attorney

In addition to Constitutional issues, practical considerations also preclude the National Council from retaining and paying for attorney services. Should individuals within the National Council retain the services of an attorney, there is no system by which payment could be processed by the National Council. Any claims for services so incurred would be the responsibility of the individual authorizing the services and not the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Objection Three: An additional attorney within the office of justice would benefit all branches of tribal government.

Since the Office of Justice has been created to provide legal counsel to all branches of tribal government, the most proper, efficient and effective course of action is to increase the staff of the Office of Justice in order to enable the department to render timely opinions to all elements of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Recommendation: Since the ordinance as written is neither constitutional nor practical, and consequently be fulfilled, no further action is required. However, this office will support legislation for increased funding and staff for the Office of Justice which will serve all branches of government.

Therefore, NCA 88-59 is hereby returned as **Veto**.

Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The veto message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override the veto. Motion made by Stacy, seconded by Burden to override.

Upon motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty-four (24) in favor, none (0) against and no abstentions.

Motion carries. Ordinance NCA 88-59 becomes law of the Muscogee Nation pursuant to legislative authority to override veto of the Principal Chief granted by the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Article VI, Sec 6(a), and shall be recorded in the Journals of the National Council as such.

3. Veto Message from the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-61 to the National Council with objections.

The message was read and considered as follows:

October 4, 1988. I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 88-61 entitled "Amending NCA 88-48 Appropriating Funds for an Economic Development Enterprise (Bingo Operation) for the Checotah Indian Community" to the National Council with the following objections:

Objection One: The percentage distribution of profits for Bingo Operations is being standardized at 60% to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and 40% to the Community.

In order to provide for standardized contracts for the distribution of profits from Bingo operations, contracts are currently being executed with a distribution of 60 percent to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and 40 percent to the community. This distribution is being accepted by the Checotah Indian Community and is equitable for all parties.

Objection Two: Expenditure of appropriated funds by November 1, 1988 is not practical.

It is not practical that all goods and services be provided and paid by Nov. 1, 1988. It would be better to allow sufficient time to enact the procurement process, negotiate with vendors, receive goods and services and process payments.

Recommendations. It is recommended that no further action be taken.

Therefore, NCA 88-61 is returned as a veto in accordance with the Constitution, signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override veto.

Motion made by Berryhill and seconded by Cloud to override veto.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the result being twenty-one (21) in favor, two (2) against and one abstention.

Those voting against were Almerigi and Johnson. Abstaining was Gilroy.

Motion Carries. Ordinance NCA 88-61 becomes law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation pursuant to legislative authority to override veto of the Principal Chief granted by the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Article VI, section 6(a), and shall be recorded in the Journals of the National Council as such.

4. Veto message from the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-66 to the National Council with objections. The message was read and considered as follows:

October 4, 1988. I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 88-66 entitled "Authorizing a portion of money due the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Earned by the Eufaula Indian Community Bingo, to be recognized as start-up costs for the Operation" to the National Council with the following objections:

Objection: No determination of start-up costs should be declared prior to an audit of the operation.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has employed the services of an internal auditor to assure that control systems are established and followed, to perform special audits, and to verify costs and expenditures of assigned projects.

No determination of costs should be made prior to the audit of the operations which will include cash deposits, expenditures, accounting systems, internal control and other activities. In order to facilitate a determination of costs, the audit of the Eufaula operation will be a priority.

Recommendation: No further action is needed prior to the audit of the operations. Therefore, NCA 88-66 is returned as a **veto**. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The message having been read, the chair entertained a motion to override the veto. Motion to override made by McIntosh, seconded by Newton.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty-three (23) in favor, none (0) against and one abstention. Abstaining was Chupco.

Motion carries. Ordinance NCA 88-66 becomes law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation pursuant to legislative authority to override veto of the Principal Chief granted to the National Council by the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Article VI, sec. 6(a), and shall be recorded in the Journals of the National Council as such.

5. Veto message from the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-72 to the National Council with objections. The message was read and considered as follows:

October 18, 1988. In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, do hereby return NCA 88-72 entitled "Establishing the Audit Law" to the National Council with the following objections:

Objection One: Federal law requires adherence to the single audit act of 1984 and OMB Circular A-128.

Since the Muscogee (Creek) Nation administers funds from federal sources and funds in trust by the federal government, federal laws and regulations apply to the audit requirements for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. These requirements are comprehensive making NCA 88-72 unnecessary.

Objection Two: Procurement, to include audit services, is an executive branch function.

Procurement of services as it pertains to the administration of federal grants and contracts is vested in the Executive Branch of government. The Executive Branch has to administer federal grants and contracts in accordance with all federal laws and regulations.

Objection Three: Auditor applications to the National Council are unnecessary.

There is no need for auditors to "make an application for approval by the National Council." Such requirements that accountants be licensed are already required by Single Audit Act of 1984. These disclosures normally take place in the bid process.

Recommendation: Since the intent of the legislation is more adequately covered by federal law and regulations, no tribal action is necessary.

Therefore, NCA 88-72 is returned as a **veto**. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override veto.

Motion to override made by Bear, seconded by Burden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty-one (21) in favor, three (3) against and no abstentions. Those voting against were Chupco, Johnson, J. Buck.

Motion carries. NCA 88-72 becomes law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation pursuant to legislative authority to override veto of the Principal Chief granted to the National Council by the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Article VI, sec. 6(a), and shall be recorded as such.

6. Speaker Childers, in accordance with the rules of the National Council, makes a determination that the Veto Message of NCA 88-58 was left off of the agenda for reconsideration by clerical error and therefore, no motion is necessary to place on the agenda for reconsideration.

Veto message from the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-58 to the National Council with objections. The message was read and considered as follows:

October 4, 1988. In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, do hereby return NCA 88-58 entitled "Repealing NCA 77-001 and Establishing a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board Act of 1988" to the National Council with the following objections:

Objection One: Section 105 contains unconstitutional provisions.

This legislation, in section 105 (a) and (b), contains language contrary to the Constitution.

Section 105(a) states that "...any member of the Board may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the Board or National Council." The Constitution guarantees due process to individuals subject to removal and procedures have been enacted to fulfill its constitutional requirements. The ordinance as written violates this provision.

In section 105(b), the legislation attempts to deny the Office of the Principal Chief the

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right to fill vacancies by commission. This is a clear violation of Article V, section 2 (c) of the Constitution.

Objection Two: The Board composition should include executive management. The substance of this legislation is similar to NCA 77-01. A major weakness of NCA 77-01 was the composition of the Board. Since the major funding for the health system is provided through grants and contracts, it would be an advantage to the tribal government to establish executive management as primary members of the Board.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the unconstitutional provisions be omitted from the legislation and section 105(a) be amended to read: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital & Clinics Board shall be composed of five persons: The Director, Division of Community Services; the Director of Finance, Office of the Treasury; the Executive Director, Office of the Administration; and two tribal citizens. The tribal citizens shall serve four year terms whose initial terms of office shall be staggered, one member for three years and one member for four years. Tribal citizens shall be selected on the basis of knowledge and experience in health care.

Therefore, NCA 88-58 is returned as a veto with recommendations. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

Dunson moves to let the veto stand, Bible seconds motion. Upon motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty-four (24) in favor, none (0) against and no abstentions.

Motion Carries. The Veto of the Principal Chief stands.

10A - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating funds for Honorariums to participating Ceremonial Grounds in the 1988 Council Oak Ceremony. Introduced by T. P. Berryhill, Okmulgee District.

Section 103. Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. The Ceremonial Grounds remain a vital element of cultural esteem to the Muscogee People.

B. Honorariums to the Ceremonial Grounds will be a token of Good Will furthering the need for harmony between our tribal government entities and cultural entities.

C. The Honorariums will assist in enhancing much needed funds in the treasuries of each participating ceremonial grounds.

Section 102. The Speaker of the National Council shall designate a tribal official to administer appropriate Honorariums.

Section 103. The National Council hereby appropriates the expenditure for Bingo funds in the amount of Three Thousand (\$3,000) for honorariums to the Ceremonial Grounds for treasury funds.

A. Honorariums shall be designated by amounts of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to each participating Ceremonial Grounds.

B. It shall be understood that the Official receiving the funds shall deposit same in the ceremonial grounds treasury to be used for general use as the Ceremonial Ground has need of.

Section 104. All remaining funds not initially dispensed shall be returned to the Bingo Revenue Funds Accounts.

The Bill having been read, the Chair opens the floor for motions.

Motion to Approve 10A made by Bear, seconded by Williams.

Chair opens floor for discussion. Berryhill moves to amend the Bill in Section 103 A to read "...each of the six participating Ceremonial Grounds.", and to further amend sec 103 B, substituting the word Treasurer instead of the word official in line one. Motion to amend seconded by Kamp.

Motion for amendment having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty-four (24) in favor, none (0) against and no abstentions.

Motion carried. The amendments to the bill shall be recorded in the final draft.

Motion to approve Bill 10A having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty-four (24) in favor, none (0) against and no abstentions.

10B - A Resolution commending Kathryn Bell and Gary Robinson for their contribution to the building of the Youth of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Introduced by G. Almerigi, Okmulgee District. The Resolution was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council finds that Gary Robinson and Kathryn Bell, employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, have made a significant contribution directed toward making Indian youth aware of their identity and calculated to raise the self-esteem of Indian youth by creating a television commercial directed at Indian youth and aired by television stations which have Indian youth viewers.

Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, National Council recognizes that a program shall be started at the Tribal government level to continue and building on the efforts of the said Gary Robinson and Kathryn Bell.

Whereas, The National Council places a high priority upon the importance of all Creek youth and particularly those with problems including, but not limited to, low self-esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, low achievement and scholastic levels.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, National Council:

Section 102. The Council commends Kathryn Bell and Gary Robinson for their contribution to building of the youth of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Resolution having been read, the Chair entertains time for motions. Motion made to adopt resolution made by Chupco, seconded by Clyde Johnson, Chair opens floor for discussion. Motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty-three (23) in favor, none (0) against and no abstentions.

Motion Carries. National Council adopts resolution commending Kathryn Bell and Gary Robinson.

10C - A Resolution - Personnel Policy. Introduced by F. Kamp, McIntosh District. Be it enacted by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council

Whereas, On April 30, 1988, the National Council approved NCA 88-22 which directed the Principal Chief to present an Employee Personnel Policy to the National Council for approval, and

Whereas, the Principal Chief, did, on May 20, 1988, "Veto" NCA 88-22, and Whereas the National Council did "override" that veto by a vote of Twenty-yes, five-no, and the Principal Chief, to this date refuses to recognize NCA 88-22 as a tribal ordinance

and does refuse to comply with the provisions of NCA 88-22, and

Whereas, the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation states at Article VI, section 6(a): Every bill which shall have passed the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, before it becomes ordinance shall be presented to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. If he approves, he shall sign it, but, if not, he shall return it with his objections to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall pass the bill, it shall become an ordinance, etc., and Whereas, Article VI, section 6(b) further states: "Every order, resolution, or other act intended to reflect the policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be submitted with the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill..."

It is hereby resolved: The National Council, as of this date, shall not consider any "Bill" that deals with personnel, budgets or salaries until the Principal Chief is in compliance with the provisions of NCA 88-22, and a Personnel Policy has been presented to the National Council for approval.

The Resolution, having been read, the Chair entertains time for motions. Motion to approve 10C made by Burden, seconded by Berryhill. Motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being Seventeen (17) in favor, six (6) against and no abstentions.

Those against were Almerigi, Chupco, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson and J. Buck.

Motion Carried. Resolution 10C adopted by the National Council and shall be recorded as such.

10E - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation repealing NCA 77-001, and establishing a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinic Board Act of 1988

Section 102. Purpose: The purpose of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board is hereby established within the government structure of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 103. Definitions:

A. Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinic System.

That portion of the Creek Nation comprehensive Health Care delivery system which consists of hospitals and associated clinics established to provide inpatient, outpatient and emergency health care, established in conformance with the Creek Nation Comprehensive Plan and operated in conformance with all license requirements.

B. Functional Management

All direct aspects of inpatient, outpatient and emergency health care services except for the administrative management services needed to support such direct health services.

C. Administrative Management

Services necessary to support direct aspects of inpatient, outpatient and emergency health care services, except for the direct provision of such direct health care services.

Section 104. Powers

A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board is hereby authorized to approve the expenditure of contract program and grant funds secured by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board for the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinics System.

B. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board is hereby authorized to seek, apply for otherwise received contract, program and grant funds for the purpose of inpatient, outpatient, and emergency care, shall assess standard Creek Nation approved Indirect Cost funds to the Creek Nation to support necessary administrative management services. Provided, that all funds shall be expended in conformance with the Creek Nation Comprehensive Plan and provided further that no funds shall be sought, applied for or otherwise received which do not apply directly to carrying out the functional and administrative management set out in Section 103 of this Act.

C. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall have and hold limited jurisdiction over all funds secured for the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinics System, uses of such funds, personnel employed by those funds and all other activities related to the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinics System and this Act.

D. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall develop and submit such proposals and proposed budgets as are required for implementation of the Comprehensive budget as established in Creek Nation Ordinance.

E. The Muscogee (Creek) Hospital and Clinics Board is hereby authorized to interact with and coordinate with all legislative and executive officers of the Creek Nation. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board is also authorized to interact and coordinate with other governmental, corporate and private entities where it is required to do so by this Act, other Tribal laws, Regulations or Stipulations, or for any other lawful purpose. Provided that all non-tribal interaction and coordination which affects or could affect the affairs of the Creek Nation shall be reported monthly to the Principal Chief and the Speaker of the National Council.

F. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board is hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations and by-laws for the performance of its duties as prescribed by this Act.

Section 105. Board Composition

A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall be composed of five persons, four who shall be Tribal citizens serving four year terms whose initial term of office shall be staggered, one member for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years and one member for four years; and shall be nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council, and one member shall be the Director of the Community Services; and any member of the Board may be removed for cause in accordance with NCA 81-03. Tribal citizens shall be selected on the basis of knowledge and experience in health care.

B. Vacancies may be filled by Commission. No commission shall be valid unless in writing and a copy of such writing submitted to the National Council immediately. Any nominee commissioned and not approved by the National Council at the next regular

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meeting shall not be recommissioned or resubmitted for one year.

Section 106. Administrative Management

A. In return for indirect costs funds received from the Muscogee (Creek) National Hospital and Clinics Board, the Office of the Principal Chief shall provide administrative management of services through the Hospital Administrator appointed by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board.

B. The provisions of Administrative Management Services to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall be coordinated by the Hospital Administrator appointed by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board.

B. The provisions of Administrative Management Services to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall be coordinated by the Hospital Administrator appointed by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board.

C. The following areas of Administrative Management shall be provided by the Creek Nation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board.

1. **Treasury services:** Internal audit, controlling, central accounting and reporting, central disbursement, cash management and investments.

2. **Justice services:** Civil and Criminal representation and other services based on need.

3. **Executive services:** (a) policy administration: contracts, management operations and systems, and budget information. (b) personnel administration: employment relations and employee services. (c) management information: programming and computer operations. (d) archives services: library and records management. (e) general services administration: purchasing, personal property control, communications, graphics and reproduction. (f) tribal affairs information: governmental operations, Lighthouse and comprehensive planning data. (g) community services information: environmental, employment and manpower, and health and social services data. (h) human development information: education, counseling and testing and supplemental educational services data.

D. The Creek Nation shall utilize uniform procedures in all dealings with the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board and the Creek Nation policies and procedures management purposes.

Section 107. Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Rules, Regulations and By-laws

A. All rules, regulations and by-laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall conform to the standard set forth in this chapter.

B. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall adopt by-laws in accordance with legal requirements and in accordance with its community responsibility, identifying the purposes of each unit of the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinics system and the means of accomplishing those purposes.

C. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall at all times provide to the public and private sector full disclosure of the ownership and control of each unit of the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinics System.

D. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall provide for the election of its officers and for the appointment of committees as necessary to effect the discharge of its responsibilities, in addition, it shall adopt a schedule of meetings, attendance requirements and methods of recording minutes of all Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospitals and Clinics Board affairs.

E. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall appoint a Hospital Administrator whose qualities, authority and duties shall be defined in written statement adopted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board Affairs.

F. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board through the Hospital Administrator shall provide appropriate physical resources and personnel required to meet the needs of the patients, and shall participate in planning to meet the health needs of the communities of the Creek Nation.

G. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board through the Hospital Administrator shall take all responsible steps to conform to all applicable tribal, federal and state and local laws and regulations including those relating to licensure, fire inspection and other safety measures.

H. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board through the Hospital Administrator shall provide for the control and use of the physical and financial resources of each unit of the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinics System.

I. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall be delegated to the Medical Staff the authority to evaluate the professional competence of staff members and applicants for staff privileges; it shall hold the medical staff responsible for making recommendation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board concerning initial staff appointments and reappointments and the assignment or curtailment of privileges.

J. The medical staff by-laws, rules and regulations shall be subject to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld. These shall include an effective formal means for the medical staff to participate in the development of hospital policy relative to both hospital management and patient care.

K. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall require that the medical staff establish controls that are designed to ensure the achievement and maintenance of high standards of professional ethical practices.

L. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall at all times endeavor to protect and enhance the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinics System. The health and health care needs of all persons within the Creek Nation, and the highest standard of performance in all its actions.

M. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall not be allowed to close its meetings to the general public for any purposes whatsoever, except for discussion of personnel matters.

Section 108. NCA 77-001 is hereby repealed.

Bill 10E having been read, the Chair entertains motions. Motion to amend sections 105 A, substituting the wording "in accordance with NCA 81-03" with the words "by majority vote of the National Council after due process has been granted.", Sections 106 and 107 by adding the words "and Clinics" after each time the words "Hospital Administrator" appear in Sections 106 and 107, so that these sections will read....Hospital and Clinics Administrator....by deleting the word "be" and substituting the word "delegated" to the word "delegate" so that Section 107 i, line 2 will read ...Hospital and Clinics Board shall designate to the medical staff... by Harley Little and

seconded by Jerry Wilson.

Motion to amend the Bill having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty-three (23) in favor, none (0) against and no abstentions.

Motion carried. The bill was amended.

Motion to approve the Bill as Amended was made by Wilson, seconded by Frye. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty (20) in favor, two (2) against, no abstentions with Williams absent during vote. Those opposed were Newton and Kamp.

Motion Carries. Bill 10E carries and will be recorded in the journals of the National Council and forwarded to the Principal Chief for action.

10F - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing, Programming and Appropriating Fiscal Year 1989 Tribal Funds for the Purpose of the Tribal Program Food Distribution

Section 101. Findings: the National Council finds that Tribal Ordinance NCA 88-46, section 101 (1b) Tribal Programs appropriates a total of \$136,875, with this amount being expended between the Food Distribution and the Head Start Program.

Section 102. The FY 89 Tribal Budget line item "Tribal Programs" is hereby authorized programmed, and appropriated as follows: 100-8952-98-587-00 Food Distribution, \$81,467 - warehouse lease \$55,632; vehicle insurance \$3,519; office supplies \$3,000; equipment, maintenance and repairs \$2,845; other \$2,920; indirect cost \$13,521.

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion to approve the Bill as read was made by J. Buck, seconded by Little.

During discussion, McIntosh District Rep. Kamp, advised the Council that in light of passage of Resolution 10C by the Council earlier in the session, he would not vote in favor of this bill since it involved an appropriation. It was determined by the Speaker that the business on the agenda would be considered during this session and the Resolution would not go into effect after this Session.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded to approve Bill 10F, a roll call vote was taken with the results being Thirteen (13) in favor, ten (10) against and no abstentions. Those opposed were: Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, McIntosh, Newton, Rhodes, Thomas, Williams, Kamp and Primeaux.

Motion Carried. Bill 10F will be recorded in the Journals of the National Council and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for action.

10G - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing, Programming and Appropriating Fiscal Year 1989 Tribal Funds for purpose of the Tribal Head Start Program

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. Tribal Ordinance NCA 88-46, Section 101(1)(b) Tribal Programs appropriates a total of \$136,875 with this amount being expended between the Food Distribution and Head Start Program.

Section 102. The FY 89 Budget Line Item "Tribal Programs" is hereby authorized, programmed and appropriated as follows: Head Start total \$55,408; Teacher Aid \$24,716; fringe benefits (at 19.35 percent) \$4,758; operating expense \$16,130; indirect cost, \$9,804.

Bill 10G having been read in full, Chair entertains motions. Motion to table made by Bible and seconded by Primeaux. After discussion, and upon having a duly made motion and second, a roll call vote was taken with the results being twenty-two (22) in favor, one (1) against and no abstentions.

10H - A Bill Authorizing Muscogee (Creek) Tribal Citizens to Harvest the Pecans at the Hanna Project. Introduced by Tommy Newton, McIntosh District. Section 101.

FINDINGS: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has a pecan orchard on Tribal Property at the Hanna Project. **Section 102** The Pecans will need harvesting in the very near future. A. In the previous years no one harvested the pecans. Our Creek people were not allowed to pick the pecans for their own use. B. That area of the Creek Nation is a very depressed area as far as the economics is concerned, however, in order to promote the general welfare of our Creek people, they should be allowed to harvest the pecans for their own use or to sell. C. Creek citizens are permitted to cut wood. **Section 103.** The Muscogee (Creek) Tribal citizens are hereby authorized to harvest the pecans at the Hanna Project. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Primeaux to amend the Bill at Section 102 (c) adding the words "only in areas designated by Agri-business Management personnel." Motion seconded by Williams. Motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Voting yes were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Bible, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Johnson, Little, Newton, Rhodes, Williams, Wilson, Stacy, McIntosh, Kamp, Buck and Primeaux. Voting No was Gilroy. A motion to amend Bill 10H carries. Amendments will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council. Motion was made by Cloud to approve the Bill as amended, seconded by Newton. Motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being Twenty three in favor and one abstention. Gilroy abstained. Motion carried. Bill 10H as amended will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for action. Motion for a 45 minute lunch break was made by Stacy and seconded by Williams. Motion was duly made and seconded, roll call vote resulted in twelve in favor and eleven against, no abstentions. Meeting recessed for 45 minute lunch break. The meeting reconvened at 2:18 p.m., by Speaker Childers.

10I An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Purchase of Property in the Tulsa District - Introduced by Larry Bible, Sr., Tulsa District.

Section 101. FINDINGS The National Council finds that: A. It is the goal of the Tribal Government to acquire facilities for the use of chartered communities and for economic development. B. Funds are available from the Bingo Revenue Account. C. The Glenpool Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community is a chartered community with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is in need of a facility to pursue economic development projects, cater to the needs of members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and have a permanent location to conduct business related to the activities of the Glenpool Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief shall negotiate and purchase the following property and the facility located thereon: A tract of land approximately 78 acres, more or less, located in Section Eleven (11) Seventenn (17) North, Range Twelve (12) East, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and more particularly described as: Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest quarter beginning 355 feet East and 30 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest Corner of the Southwest thence North 33 feet, thence East 150 feet, thence South 203 feet, thence West 120 feet, thence South

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130 feet, thence West 30 feet to the point of beginning, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma. The existing structure located on the property that is approximately 4500 square feet and fixtures therein, which include, but are not limited to, 180 assorted chairs, 33 tables of assorted sizes, commercial 4 dr. cooler, ice-maker, Microwave oven, cash registers, refrigerated pop-box, kitchen-ware ceiling fans, etc., **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is authorized to administer and expend funds not to exceed \$130,000 (One hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars) any actual costs closing the transaction, all from the Bingo Revenue Account to include purchase price, closing costs, cost of insurance, utility hook-up. **Section 104.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of land described in Section 102 under the following title: The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN TRUST FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OF INDIANS, and hold said lands in trust under the appropriate Federal statute. Bill 10I having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Bible to add Section 105 to the Bill which will read: "The Principal Chief shall begin negotiations for the purchase of property described in Section 102 within ten (10) days from date of enactment of this bill." Motion was seconded by Wilson, Motion having been duly made and seconded, there being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty one in favor, none against and no abstentions, Motion to add Section 105 to Bill 10I carries. Section 105 will be added to the Bill and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Almerigi to approve the Bill 10I as amended. Motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty one in favor, none against and no abstentions. Williams and Newton were absent. Motion carried. Bill 10I as amended will be recorded in the Journals of the National Council and forwarded to the Principal Chief for action.

10J - An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating Bingo Revenue for Services to Tribal Citizens in the Oklahoma City area. Section 101. FINDINGS: The National Council finds that: A. Tribal Citizens in the Oklahoma City area are often ineligible for services provided to citizens living within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association is a chartered Indian Community. C. The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association has successfully administered tribally funded programs in the past years. D. The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association has presented a detailed program for a grant to provide services to tribal citizens. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief to advance to the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association, a grant in the amount of \$38,000.00 (Thirty Eight thousand dollars) from Bingo Revenues for the purpose of fulfilling the proposed activities. Provide that not less than 60% be used for Direct Assistance. Bill 10J having been read, Chair entertains time for motions. Motion made by Little to approve the Bill, seconded by Rhodes. Motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, seven against, two absent. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Bible, Gilroy, Cleghorn, Johnson, Little, Rhodes, Thomas, Wilson, and Buck. Voting no were: Burden, Cloud, Dunson, McIntosh, Stacy, Kamp and Primeaux. Williams and Newton were absent. Motion carries. Bill 10J will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for action.

10K A Bill Tulsa Creek Indian Community Act - Introduced by Rep. Wilson, Tulsa District. Section 101. FINDINGS: The Muscogee (Creek) National Council finds that: A. The Tulsa Creek Indian Community is a chartered community of the Creek Nation and has a service population of over several thousand Creek citizens; B. The Tulsa Creek Indian Community has submitted a proposal requesting financial assistance to provide social/economic services to Creek Citizens living in their service area. C. That the Tulsa Creek Indian Community does not have facilities to house community programs and meetings. **Section 102.** The Tulsa Indian Community is hereby approved to an appropriation of \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) from the Bingo Revenue Account for FY 89 provided that not less than 60% be used for Direct Assistance. Bill 10K having been read, Chair entertains time for motions. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Almerigi to approve the bill as read. Motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: nineteen in favor, two against and no abstentions. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Dunson, Gilroy, Chupco, Cleghorn, Bible, Frye, McIntosh, Johnson, Little, Wilson, Rhodes, Kamp, Buck and Primeaux, Thomas. Voting No were: Burden and Stacy. Newton and Williams were absent. Motion carries. Bill 10K will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for action.

10D - moved down on Agenda for consideration at this time. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Funds for the FY89 Budget for the Office of Gaming and Taxation Commission, for the Period of 1 November, 1988 to April 30, 1989. Section 101. FINDINGS: The National Council finds that: A. The Office of the Gaming and Taxation have submitted a budget for the FY 1989, totaling \$275,398. (two hundred seventy five thousand three hundred and ninety eight dollars). **Section 102.** The National Council hereby appropriates from Bingo Revenue \$118,899. (One hundred eighteen thousand, eight hundred and ninety nine dollars) to the Office of the Gaming and Taxation to fund the operation of the same from November 1, 1988 to April 30, 1989 in the budgeted amounts as follows: SALARIES — \$70,609.

Commissioner	\$15,000
Administrative Secretary	9,000
Deputy/Operations	12,044
Deputy/Audit	10,000
Secretary/Statistician	7,290
Deputy/Compliance	9,375
Secretary	7,900
FRINGE BENEFITS: \$20,720.00	
OPERATING EXPENSES: \$27,570.00	
Travel	9,000
Office Space, 710 sq. ft. (15)	5,325
Equipment	1,325
Supplies	1,600
Telephone, Okm/Tu (3 @ \$1,955/\$2,875)	4,350
Service & Repair	1,000
Publications & Periodicals	250
Seminars & Fees	900
Association Dues (NIGA/OJGC)	2,520
Legal/Auditing	1,300
TOTAL — \$118,899.00	

Bill 10D having been read, Chair entertains time for motions. Discussion followed as to whether to consider further legislation dealing with Salaries and Personnel pursuant to the passage of Resolution 10C. Motion by Wilson to consider legislation already on the Agenda for this date, seconded by Chupco. Motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with results being as follows: twenty two in favor,

one against, no abstentions. Motion carries. Bill 10D will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for action.

10L - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Making Specific Assurances for the purpose of the 1989 Application for the Community Development Block Grant, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 101. Findings: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been invited (by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that:

A. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has prepared and followed a written citizen participation plan which provides Muscogee (Creek) citizens, especially those living in the areas where activities are proposed or ongoing, with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities, the range of activities under the approved rating systems, and has advised them of other important program requirements; and has solicited their review and participation.

B. Prior to submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has followed traditional tribal means of citizen involvement that meets the standards required in Support "B" as well as this Ordinance, which provided adequate opportunity to articulate needs, and otherwise participate in the development application.

C. The Muscogee Nation certifies that the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR 571.604 have been met.

Section 103. No part of this Ordinance shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government for the development of the application and the execution of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the citizen participation requirements of this Ordinance do not include concurrence by any person or group involved in citizen participation in making final determination concerning the funding and contents of the application. The sole responsibility and authority to make such final determination rest exclusively with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government.

Section 104. Based upon the foregoing participation process, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall include the following proposed programs in the 1989 application for Community Development Block Grant Funds:

A. Hughes and McIntosh.....Housing Rehabilitation

Section 105. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation assumes all responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1968 for environmental review, decision making and any action that would apply to the Secretary, where the Secretary is to undertake these tribal projects as federal projects. The sovereign immunity of the Nation is waived only for the purpose of this section, and only for declaratory, injunctive or equitable relief from the Courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that claims against treasury of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are not permitted by this section. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertains motions.

Motion by J. Buck to approve bill, seconded by Johnson.

Motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with results being as follows: Twenty (20) in favor, none (0) against and no abstentions.

Motion Carries. Bill will be recorded in the Journals of the National Council and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for action.

10M - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing A Facility Use Agreement Between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Eufaula Indian Community

Placed on the November 5, 1988 Agenda.

10N - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Providing Authorization for programming of Tribal Bingo Revenues and Submission of a Proposal to Obtain a Grant to Implement a Project to Organize and Establish Indian Youth Councils Throughout the Creek Nation.

Section 101. The National Council finds that:

A. There are approximately 8,400 Indian people between the ages of 12 and 18 who reside within the Creek Nation boundary.

B. Social and economic problems prevalent in the local Indian communities include: high school dropouts, teen pregnancy, alcoholism, chemical abuse, negative peer pressure, unemployment, suicide, alcohol/chemical related injuries and deaths and others.

C. Organized Indian Youth involvement at the Indian community level of tribal government has been lacking in recent years.

D. Efforts are needed in order to plan, organize and implement programs and activities aimed at involvement of Indian youth of the local Indian communities and public school system.

E. Federal funding is available to implement and design programs and activities which will provide for the organization of Indian youth into the process of addressing social, spiritual, physical, and psychological problems which Indian youth experience daily.

F. Federal funds are available to support Indian youth initiatives within the tribal government.

G. Tribal revenues are available and in order to support a portion of the proposed youth projects, tribal funding is required.

Section 102. The National Council authorizes the appropriation of \$75,000 in Bingo revenues to finance a portion of a proposed youth council project as follows:

Discretionary money.....\$150,000

Tribal funds.....\$75,000

Section 103. Unexpended tribal revenues remaining at the completion of the program will be returned to the tribal budget.

Section 104. The appropriation of tribal funds from Bingo revenues is contingent upon the receipt of discretionary funds.

Section 105. It is the intent of the National Council that future legislation shall be required for the granting of charters for Youth Councils.

Bill having been read, the Chair entertains motions.

Motion made by Little to approve bill, second by Stacy.

Motion to approve the Bill having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seventeen (17) in favor, two (2) against and no abstentions.

Those voting against were McIntosh and Kamp.

Motion Carries. Bill will be recorded in the Journals of the National Council and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for action.

10O - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation providing Authorization for Appropriation and Programming of Tribal Bingo Revenues to Implement a Tribal Energy Assistance Program for Creek Tribal Citizens

Placed on November 5, 1988 Agenda.

Meeting Recessed until November 5, 1988.



Local Media Attend Reception at the Creek Nation Mound

By Kathryn Bell

A Media Reception, hosted by the CN Communications Department, was held January 16 at the Mound Auditorium from 3-5 p.m.

The Reception, held for local media representatives to foster a better understanding and working relationship with the Nation, was well-attended.

Media representatives attended from the following: KXON-TV in Claremore; Okmulgee radio station KOKL, Muskogee radio station KKWK; the Okmulgee Daily Times newspaper; The Cushing Daily Citizen newspaper; the Henryetta Citizen newspaper; The Morris News, and representatives from the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce. M.C. Leist, State Representative, was also in attendance, as well as freelance media persons.

The Reception began with an Invocation by Jimmy Hill, CN Social Services Manager, followed by a Welcome by Principal Chief Cox. George Tiger, Liaison to the Chief, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Gary Breshears, CN Executive Director, presented an Overview of the Creek Nation, explaining it's various programs to the media. "We are extremely proud of the progress that Creek Nation has made over the past two years, and we feel that the tribal government has had a strong impact on the economy and government in this area," he said citing that Creek Nation has an annual budget of twenty million dollars and employs 500 people, with an annual payroll of more than 80 million dollars.

Breshears introduced the Program directors and managers, who each gave an explanation of their program services.

Muscogee (Creek) National Council members, Frank Kamp, second speaker, and Bill Burden, Okfuskee District representative, were introduced with Kamp calling for a "more positive approach" by local media in reporting on the Creek Nation. He challenged them to "look at what we are doing through the use of tribal funds (as opposed to federal funds) to provide services to our people."

A videotape, "Creek Nation on the Move," produced by Gary Robinson of the CN Communications Department, was shown to the media.

In closing remarks, liaison Tiger, pointed out the significance of the day- "On this day the country is celebrating Martin Luther King day- he had a dream...and my people also have a vision. They too marched- across the Trail of



ATTENDING THE MEDIA RECEPTION, HOSTED BY THE CN COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, among other local media, were left to right, Lois Rodrigues of the Henryetta Citizen; M.C. Leist (back to camera), State Representative of Morris; Roy Ehly, Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce; Jerry Quinn, General Manager of the Okmulgee Daily Times; Gary Robinson (in background), Video/Audio-Visual Production Specialist with the CN Communications Department, and Principal Chief Claude Cox.

-photo by Elliot Barnett

Tears and from that day until the present, it has taken us that long to get where we are today as a tribe. This is why we have asked you here today- to share our vision and accomplishments with you."

The Communications Department would like to thank Bill Foster, CN Gaming Commissioner, for the donation of bingo tickets and discounts to the Tribe's bingo halls. These were included in the

media's press packets.

The Department would also like to thank Jimmy Jones, CN Kitchen Supervisor for the sumptuous refreshment trays he created for the Reception.

OST Students from El Salvador Tour Complex-



THIS GROUP OF OKLAHOMA STATE TECH (OKMULGEE) STUDENTS FROM EL SALVADOR were given a tour of the Creek Tribal Complex by Jerry Wilson, an employee of OST and National Council Representative (Tulsa District). The group, shown above, touring the CN Communications Department, included; (not in order), Mario Chavez, Marlon Duarte, Orlando Escalante, Alirio Henriquez, Jorge Martinez, Sandra Moran, Renso Perez, Dira Santos, Felix Zelaya, Nelson Cordova, Chris Toledo, from Caracas, Venezuela and Jay Kindsvater, the director of the OST Baptist Student Union.

-Photo by Gary Robinson



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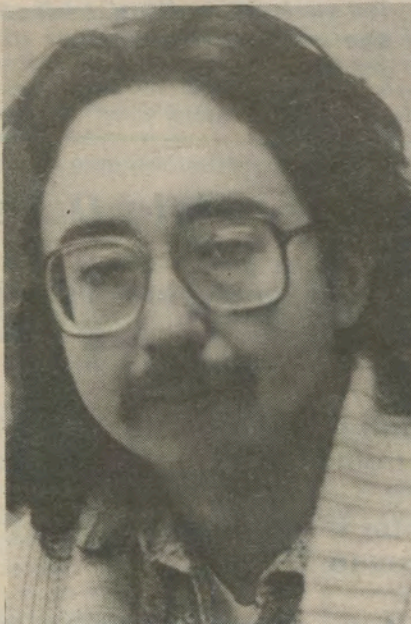


THE OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY 'SWEETHEART' WINNERS are shown above at the Community's Tenth Annual Sweetheart Contest held at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center February 17 in the evening. From left to right, the youthful, although impatient winners are: Carol Joy Arsee, 13 Month-2 year division; Jantzen Joe McNac, 3-5 year division; William Andrew Bevenue, 13-month-2 year division; and Andrew Dean Thomas-Newborn to 12 months division. "Supporting" the young rykes are left to right, grandmother Joann Factor; mother Jackie McNac; mother Yvonne Bevenue; and grandmother Pearl Thomas. The Committee for the Sweetheart Contest included: Chiquita McNac, Joseph McNac, Gayle Bevenue, Jackie Jackson, Vicki Watashe, and Grace Bunner.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

Greg Bigler Appointed Tribal Attorney-

By Jim Wolfe



Greg Bigler

Greg Bigler, an attorney for Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, has been approved as the new tribal attorney for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Creek Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox signed the National Council legislation authorizing Bigler to be tribal attorney. The contract will be sent to the Solicitor General's Office at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Agency Office in Muskogee.

Bigler, a Yuchi and tribal citizen, has been working on the OILS staff in Oklahoma City since June 1987. He has also worked as a staff attorney for the Legal Services of Oklahoma in Muskogee.

Bigler received his *juris doctor* at Harvard Law School in 1985. He earned his masters of law degree at the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1986. It was conferred upon him in 1988.

Bigler, 30, has been active in Indian Legal affairs since his undergraduate days at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, where he was treasurer and chairman of the American Indians Resisting Ostracism and tutored for the Local Indian Education Committee.

Bigler is the son of Clarence and Josephine (Wildcat) Bigler.

"The Muscogee Nation is facing a lot of challenges," said Bigler. "It should be a lot of fun and interesting to work on these challenges."

National Indian Gaming Assoc. urges establishment of Regulatory Commission-

OKMULGEE--Recent testimony before the Senate Select Sub-Committee regarding possible improprieties in gaming activity on Indian lands further reinforces the views of the National Indian Gaming Association.

Passage of Public Law 100-497 in the 100th Congress establishes a National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate gaming adequate to shield Indian tribes from undesirable elements and to ensure Indian tribes are the primary beneficiary of the operations.

The Commission has yet to be established as of this date; the National Indian Gaming Association has been interested and vociferous in the expeditious formation and implementation of the National Indian Gaming Commission policies to preserve, protect and further increase the credibility of Indian gaming activity.

Testimony given by witnesses has indicated the NIGC will be sufficient to thwart infiltration of undesirable elements in Indian gaming activity as well as the statutory means to remove such elements if integrated.

Indian gaming tribes across the nation are anxiously awaiting action by the current administration for appointment of Commission members; and legislative branch funding to begin the Commission's regulatory responsibilities.

The National Indian Gaming Association believes the prudent

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-CORRECTIONS-

In reference to last MNN issue's article on "Local Media Attend Reception at the Creek Nation Mound-" the Gaming Commissioner's office donated only *discount* bingo tickets for the Media Reception packets. In that same article, figures concerning the Creek Nation budget were given incorrectly- the figures should have read- "an annual budget of twenty million dollars and employs 500 people, with an annual payroll of more than 8 million dollars."



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Reader Seeks Help...

Dear MNN Readers:

I am trying to locate an old friend Joel R. Friedman, who is Creek. The last contact that I have of him is in Oklahoma City.

If anyone can help me in my attempt to locate him please contact me at 3233 N. 37th St. Apt. 12, Phoenix, Arizona, 85018 or call collect Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Thank You,
Andy Phillips

Holdenville Gospel Singing Set March 4-

A gospel singing is slated for Saturday, March 4 at the Holdenville Community Action Center.

Featured performers include the Larry Hawkins Quartet, the Gospel Lights, the Orphan Family and the Buck Family. Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Gospel Singing...

Hillabee Baptist Church is hosting a gospel singing Saturday, April 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The church is located two miles east of Hanna at the end of Highway 52, north one mile then 3/4 of a mile east.

Eastman Factor is the master of ceremonies. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CN Community Services offers oil overcharge energy assistance-

Another energy assistance program will be offered to qualified Indian residents within the Creek Nation boundaries. Monies for this program are provided through an oil overcharge that is being returned to the State of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission is managing the distribution of these monies, and the Creek Nation has been allocated \$51,000 for this program. Approximately 323 households will be served.

Applications for assistance will be taken during the week of April 10th. More information regarding the date, time and location will be provided in the April issue of the Muscogee Nation News. In addition, announcements will be sent to National Council members, the Creek Nation Health Clinics, and community centers within the Creek Nation.

Allocations of \$150 per household will be made for wood, propane, natural gas or electric. Any Indian residing within the Creek Nation boundaries who DID NOT receive assistance through the State LIHEAP or Tribal Energy Assistance Programs and meet the below criteria will be eligible:

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Message from the Principal Chief to Creek Citizens-

Submitted by the Office of the Principal Chief

I have been taking a close look at the overall operation of the Creek Nation and in the next two weeks a decision is going to have to be made on streamlining the operation to ensure a positive future for the Creek Nation.

In 1988, there were no new jobs, and the expenses for the operation of our tribal government is high. This office has not received the support it has needed from the National Council as a whole. In 1979, by a vote of it's people, the Creek Nation ratified a new Constitution. However, recent policies and procedures which have been passed by the National Council may be in conflict with the Constitution.

In my "State of the Muscogee Nation" Address, I asked for the Creek people to take a real active role in their government. I again ask that you be given an input on how problems can be addressed concerning our government.

In Fiscal Year 1988, the National Council expenditures was \$147,017. In Fiscal Year 1989, the National Council has a projected budget of \$164,000. Total expenditures for the National Council for the last two years of operation is \$311,017. This figure does not include two Secretary's salaries or the cost of office space.

This is an election year for the Council Members in the Creek Nation. I urge our people to really take a look at their government and to consider those who will work for the people, instead of those who are working for self gain.

Thewarle Baptist Sets Wild Onion Dinner-

Pastor Eastman Whitlow invites everyone to a Wild Onion Dinner to be held on Saturday, April 8, 1989, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sapulpa Historical Museum,

100 East Lee, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Benefit of: Thewarle Indian Baptist Church, Dustin, Oklahoma. Prices: \$4.00 Adult; \$2.00 children (under 12) includes drink & dessert.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE...

1. Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card.
2. Income Guidelines as follows:

Family Size	Income	
	Yearly	Monthly
1	\$8,655	\$721.25
2	\$11,595	\$966.25
3	\$14,535	\$1,211.25
4	\$17,475	\$1,456.25
5	\$20,415	\$1,701.25
6	\$23,355	\$1,946.25

For each additional household

member, add \$2,940.00.

3. Proof of income by furnishing employer check stubs or copies of Federal and State checks received for retirement or welfare assistance benefits.

4. Latest heating bill or name of wood supplier.

5. Proof of residence within Creek Nation tribal boundaries such as mailing address on the energy bill and/or check stubs.

Social Services Changes Field Days

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services announces the following changes in field days where services will be available at the following sites:

Muscogee Indian Community Center - First and Third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sapulpa Indian Health Center - First and third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Holdenville Senior Center - First and third Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Chief's Appeal to the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Matter of NCA 88-37-

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to NCA 82-30 Sec. 272, comes now Sherrin Watkins, attorney, for Principal Chief Claude Cox, appellant herein, Plaintiff below in Case No. CV. 88-04 in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in which judgement or order issued on January 6, 1989, by the Honorable Patrick Moore, Judge, District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in favor of National Council and National Council Speaker Kenneth Childers and denying Principal Chief Claude Cox's request for mandamus.

Statement of Facts: NCA 88-37 was enacted by National Council on June 25, 1988. On or about July 1, 1988 Representative, Clarence Cloud requested NCA 88-37 be reconsidered. On July 14, 1988 during agenda scheduling, called Planning Session, Jerry Wilson, author of NCA 88-37 "withdrew" the legislation. The Representatives by a show of hands at that time indicated they were in favor of having the legislation withdrawn. That same date Speaker Childers advised that the legislation had been withdrawn. A valid reconsideration of NCA 88-37 has not yet taken place, making NCA 88-37 a duly enacted piece of legislation which has not yet been transmitted to the Principal Chief for his consideration, violating Muscogee Constitution, Art. VI, Sec 6 (a).

These matters were before the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on Principal Chief's request for mandamus ordering National Council transmittal of NCA 88-37 to him for his consideration, and that there is no time limit on National Council for it's transmission of legislation to the Principal Chief for his consideration.

Grounds For Appeal:

1) NCA 88-37 has not been reconsidered pursuant to the rules of procedure of the National Council or the law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as shown by the authorized legislative history before the District Court in the matter;

2) NCA 88-37 could not be withdrawn after enactment by National Council, as a matter of law;

3) The law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and sound public policy require the transmittal of duly enacted legislation to the Principal Chief for his consideration within a reasonable time, since no time is specified, in the absence of valid and timely reconsideration;

Which is contrary to the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the District Court in this matter.

For these reasons appellant believes the District Court should be reversed in its decision of Case No. CV 88-04 and mandamus in this matter should issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrin Watkins
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Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135

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always been able to resolve them.

I think with the new legislation that was passed, introduced, setting up the gaming commission. Its been passed but they didn't appropriate any money. They're talking about appointing people to this commission and of course the tribes in Oklahoma are pushing very hard to be sure that we get some good people on there.

Until they appropriate some money to get it enforced its just going to be setting there. We don't know if it'll be in a supplemental bill to set this up or not. It'll take awhile for them to get money coming back in because they're going to tax all types of operations to support that commission, which I think will be good—it will address some of the things that come out of this

hearing up here (Washington) on the bingo operations and the Mafia.

With the Commission, they'll have some pretty strict guidelines and good policies that the tribes are going to have to follow. And they'll be able to enforce them and be able to clean up some of those areas.

After the presentation by the two Chiefs, the media asked questions relating to each of the Tribes operations and the allegations concerning Oklahoma Indian tribes.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Senate Select Committee Investigative Hearings concluded February 27 and will resume, for the second phase of the hearings, in early Spring, according to a spokesman in the Washington, D.C. office of the Committee.

Authority for Creation of National Council Investigative & Fact-Finding Committee-

Submitted by the CN National Council Office

1. Article VI, section 4(b) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is as follows: *The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall judge of the returns and qualifications of its members, determine the rules of its proceedings, penalize its members for disorderly behavior and, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the National Council, expel a member from a meeting.*

2. Article VI, section 7(d)(i)(j) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is as follows: (d) *To authorize and make appropriations from available funds for tribal purposes. All expenditures of tribal funds shall be a matter of public record open to all citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at all reasonable times.*

(i) *To create authorities with attendant powers to achieve objectives allowed within the scope of this Constitution.*

(j) *To exercise any power not specifically set forth in this Article which may at some future date be exercised by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.*

On April 30, 1988 the National Council, by a majority vote, amended its Rules of Procedure and established the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Investigative and Fact Finding Committee.

The jurisdiction of the Committee is as follows: Investigation of any irregularities that may exist in any Branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Government. This committee shall have, with the approval of the Speaker, subpoena authority over all citizens and employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and over all records pertaining to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Further: The Rules of Procedure, as established, at Part 5, Committee, (f) states: *Committee shall have all the power usually exercised by Legislative Committees.*

Roberts Rules of Order (Revised), dated 1979, states at Article IX (49): *A Committee is a body of one or more persons appointed or elected by an assembly or society to consider or investigate, or take action in regard to, certain matters or subjects, or to do all of these things.*

Blacks Law Dictionary (Fifth Edition) defines "Committee" as follows: *A person, or an assembly or board of persons, to whom the consideration, determination, or management of any matter is committed or referred, as by a court or legislature. An*

individual or body to whom others have delegated or committed a particular duty, or who have taken on themselves to perform it in the expectation of their act being confirmed by the body they profess to represent or act for.

In legislatures, a standing committee considers all bills, resolutions and other items of legislative business falling within the category of matters over which it has been given jurisdiction. Membership and rank on standing committees are largely determined by the seniority rule. A special or select committee investigates and reports on specific matters and terminates when that function has been rendered.

COMMISSION...

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selection and rapid formulation of regulatory policies of the National Indian Gaming Commission will provide the necessary authorities to regulate Indian gaming and preserve the economic advancements by Tribal governments.

New Job for Former BIA's Swimmer-

Ross O. Swimmer has joined the Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson in an "of counsel" position. He will develop an Indian Law Department for Hall Estill, offering legal expertise to tribal governments and businesses located throughout the United States as well as those dealing with Indian tribes.

Swimmer, who has served as assistant secretary for Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of Interior since 1985, resigned that position at the end of January 1989.

Swimmer was Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma from 1975 to 1985. Previously he had been a partner in an Oklahoma City law firm and president of the First National Bank in Tahlequah.

In his position with the Department of Interior, he was in a principal policy-making role, which included oversight of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, dealing with legislation affecting Indians, meeting with Indian leaders and visiting reservations. He worked for welfare reform and direct funding to tribes as opposed to funds being distributed through the BIA.

Hall Estill, the largest law firm in Oklahoma, maintains offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C.



School Clothing Grant Information

School Clothing waiting list applications will be taken in the Social Services Department at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee during the following weeks:

March 20- 24, 1989
Okfuskee, Wagoner/Rogers, Muskogee Districts
March 27 - 31, 1989
Hughes, McIntosh Districts
April 3 - 7, 1989
Creek, Okmulgee, Tulsa Districts

Previous guidelines will be used. These guidelines are:

- Income verification (see guidelines below)
- Child's Tribal Citizenship Card
- Enrolled in grades 1 - 12 (letter from school verifying enrollment and attendance for each child)
- One grant of **\$50.00** per child per school year.

Parents verification of income - such as pay stubs, Social Security, AFDC, Veterans Administration, child support and general assistance.

Size of Family & Income Guidelines	Yearly	Monthly
2	\$11,595	\$966.25
3	\$14,535	\$1,211.25
4	\$17,475	\$1,456.25
5	\$20,415	\$1,701.25
6	\$23,355	\$1,946.25

For each additional household member add **\$2,940** to the yearly totals

For those people who are unable to come in during their assigned week, Social Services has set aside the week of April 10 to complete their applications

Applicants who have previously received clothing grants will not be eligible.

For more information contact **Social Services** at **918/756-8700**

Program Offers Opportunity for Minority Students Interested in Allied Health Careers

The Allied Health Careers Opportunity Program (AHCOP), a program to increase the number of minorities in allied health programs at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City has been established.

Now in its fourth year of operation, the program recruits eligible participants for professional programs in clinical dietetics, medical technology, occupational therapy and physical therapy as well as cytotechnology, radiography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy and ultrasound.

Summer Innovations, a special summer enrichment program, is the cornerstone of AHCOP. Summer Innovations, a two-tiered, intensive eight-week summer program, brings student participants to the University to familiarize them with the clinical and educational environment at the Health Sciences Center campus. Students are presented a schedule of academic enrichment activities to assist or prepare them to compete successfully for regular admission to the professional programs.

The 8-week summer enrichment program begins Monday, June 5, 1989 and ends Friday, July 28, 1989. The deadline for application is April 15, 1989. There is no tuition cost. Meals and housing are also provided at no cost to the student.

For additional information, please contact Priscilla Metoyer, AHCOP Project Coordinator or Glenn Solomon at the following address: Allied Allied Health Careers Opportunity Program (AHCOP)

Address:

College of Allied Health
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
 801 N. E. 13th Street, CHB 121
 P.O. Box 26901
 Oklahoma City, Ok. 73190
 (405) 271-3963

The Checks and Balances Included In the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution

"Under the guidance of the Almighty God, Our Creator, We the People of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, to promote Unity, to establish Justice, and secure to ourselves and our children the blessings of Freedom, to preserve our basic Rights and Heritage, to strengthen and preserve self and local Government, in continued relations with the United States of America, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

Thus begins the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution. Of the 3,570 votes cast in the 1979 Constitutional election 182 separated those ratifying the document and those opposed. While the Muscogee Nation Constitution is not without fault, it is the very cornerstone of the tribe's sovereignty. To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution, the Muscogee Nation News will run a series of articles discussing the document; its past, present and future, what works and what doesn't. All questions concerning tribal government begin and end with the Constitution.

First in a series. Submitted by Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District Representative

The adoption of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution created a system of separate branches of government that share powers, each can (partially) check the power of the others. This is the system of checks and balances. The major checks possessed by each branch are listed below:

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH - The National Council

1. Can check the Principal Chief in these ways:
 - A. By refusing to pass a bill the Principal Chief wants
 - B. By passing a law over the Principal Chief's veto (override)
 - C. By using the impeachment powers to remove the Principal Chief from office.
 - D. By refusing to approve an appointment made by the Principal Chief
 - E. By refusing to approve contract services
 - F. By refusing to make an appropriation of money for a program the Principal Chief wants
2. Can check the Tribal Courts in these ways:
 - A. By refusing to approve a person nominated to be a judge
 - B. By using the impeachment powers to remove a judge from office

"All legislative power herein shall be vested in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council..."

-Article VI, section 2 of the Muscogee Nation Constitution

EXECUTIVE BRANCH - The Principal Chief

1. Can check the National Council by vetoing a bill it has passed
2. Can check the Tribal Courts by nominating a judge

"The executive power shall be vested in and shall be known as the Office of the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

-Article V, section 1(a) of the Muscogee Nation Constitution

JUDICIAL BRANCH - Tribal Courts/Judges

1. Can check the National Council by declaring a law unconstitutional
2. Can check the Principal Chief by declaring actions by him or his subordinates to be unconstitutional or not authorized by law

"The judicial power of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be vested in one Supreme Court limited to matters of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's jurisdiction..."

-Article VII, section 1 Muscogee Nation Constitution

In addition to these checks provided for in the Constitution, each branch has informal ways of checking the others. For example, the Principal Chief can try to withhold information from the National Council, and the National Council can try to get information by mounting an investigation or getting a court order to receive the information.

Jerry Wilson is a Muscogee (Creek) National Council representative from the Tulsa District. He also teaches political science at Oklahoma State University Technical Institute in Okmulgee.



Euchee Stompdancers Selected for International Trade Fair Trip to India-



SERVING AS GOODWILL AMBASSADORS TO INDIA are this group of Euchee-Creek stompdancers: (left to right) Gary Bucktrot, Bristow; Wade Bucktrot, Jr., Bristow; Evelyn Bucktrot, Bristow; and Earl Wheeler, Bristow, accompanied by Dr. Charles Gourd, Cherokee, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, Oklahoma City.

-photo by Gary Robinson

From the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission - Henry Bellmon, Governor; Claude Cox, Chairman; Charles Gourd, Executive Director; Robert S. Kerr III, Lieutenant Governor.

A group of five Oklahoma Indians sponsored by the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and the State Department of Commerce, visited New Delhi, India during the International Trade Fair February 17-27.

The group, consisting of members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Cherokee Nation, was invited by the Prime Minister of India to perform traditional ceremonial dances known as Stomp Dancing and to lecture on the status of American Indians at selected universities in that area.

Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon designated Wade Bucktrot, Jr., Evelyn, his wife and son Gary along with Earl Wheeler and the Charles Gourd, executive director of the OIAC.

The Bucktrot family and Wheeler are Euchee and Creek from the Bristow area. Members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, they demonstrated several social dances which are traditionally performed during ceremonies at the Sand Creek Tribal Town Ceremonial Ground near Bristow.

According to the elder Bucktrot, who is a member of the Deer Clan and is the Micco of Sand Creek, the group performed the "Evening Dance", the "Quail

Dance" and the "Morning Dance".

Bucktrot, full blood Euchee, has been active at Sand Creek all of his life, as were his father and grandfather.

His ancestors were the organizers of the ceremonial ground upon their arrival into Indian Territory after being removed from their homelands in the lower Eastern part of the United States.

Bucktrot keeps his family fully involved in the traditional aspect of maintaining and participating in the ground's activities. Bucktrot's three sons have been initiated to the same rites as he.

Bucktrot also keeps abreast of current Indian issues and affairs by serving as vice chairman of the Bristow Indian Community. He is employed as a steel worker at Prescor in Tulsa.

The oldest son, Gary, 1/2 Creek, 1/2 Euchee, accompanied his parents. He is a student at Haskell Junior College. He serves with his father as an assistant at Sand Creek.

Evelyn Bucktrot, is a full blood Creek and the daughter of former Creek Chief Roley Buck. She is a medical transcriptionist at Bartlett Memorial Center in Sapulpa. She also serves as secretary to the Bristow Indian Community.

Wheeler is a relative of the Bucktrots. He is employed at Tinker Air Force Base, Midwest City. He is a former National Council Representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. The chairman of the

Bristow Indian Community, a Vietnam Era Veteran and an advocate of maintaining and improving Indian education.

The group opened ceremonies for the International Trade Fair and performed alternately with the U.S. Army Band. That evening they were guests at reception held in their honor given by India's Prime Minister for the U.S. and other foreign ambassadors.

Gourd lectured at the Center for International Studies, the U.S. Information Office at the American Embassy and several universities. Gourd discussed areas areas contained within his dissertation which defines tribal sovereignty.

A video tape entitled "Oklahoma Indians Today" has been produced by the OIAC and was shown at the Oklahoma booth throughout the fair.

The Bristow Indian Community donated \$500 to the dancers for their personal expenses incurred during the trip.

Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Enrollment Set-

Enrollment applications will be taken for members of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, through May 12 at the Thlopthlocco Center, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Those wishing to enroll must have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card, birth certificate, baptismal records, or other proof of birth.

Schedule of Conferences, Symposiums, Etc.-

Business Seminar Set April 4-5 at NEOSU-

A seminar designed for Native Americans who are considering going into business or are already in business is scheduled for April 4 and 5 in the Red Bud Room of the University Center at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

There will be no charge for the seminar, which is being held in conjunction with the University's 17th Annual Symposium on the American Indian, planned for that week on the NSU campus.

Sessions of the seminar will cover all aspects of business planning, financing and managing for present and future entrepreneurs. Presenters will include officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Oklahoma Indian Business Development Center, Service Corps of Retired Executives and the U.S. Small Business Administration as well as private sector professionals in marketing, management, business law, accounting and banking.

Special highlights of the seminar will feature successful Indian business owners and Indian professionals in two roundtable discussions - the first on "Indian Entrepreneurship" and the second on "Concepts of Tribal/Individual Business Relationships."

For further information, contact Sandra S. Parker, seminar coordinator, at the Small Business Development Center at Northeastern State, 918/458-0802.

Butler Creek Sets Revival-

Revival services for Butler Creek Baptist Church are set for March 22-26. John Buckner is the evangelist for the revival. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.

Butler Creek is located three (3) miles north of Oktaha on Old Highway 69. All are welcome to attend.

American Indian Art Association Pow-Wow-

The Association will host a Pow-Wow on March 18-19 at the Tulsa Fairgrounds Pavilion at 15th & South New Haven.

There will be Men and Women's Division, Junior Division (9-12) contests with contestants being in two Grand Entries. The judges decision will be final and the winners will be announced at the close of the Pow-Wow and prizes awarded.

Registration will be held Saturday, March 18 as follows: 1-2:30 p.m. - Junior Division; 3-7 p.m. - Men and Women's Division and at 7 p.m. Registration closes. No exceptions.

For more information, contact J. Wildcat at 1-918-834-6879.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Eufaula Elders Choose Valentine King & Queen

Approximately 50 senior citizens attended a special Valentine's Day Program on February 14 at the Eufaula Indian Community Center.

James Ingram and Susie Hendrix, both of Eufaula, were crowned King and Queen "For the Day" respectively.

The program agenda focused on the elderly nutrition program, according to Jerry Francis, recreation director.

Also participating in the program was Judy Pickering, scripture reading; Edna Belcher, hymns; presentation of gifts and table preparations by May Marshall; benediction by Emma Lewis.

Wild Onion Dinners Set

March 4

Hillabee Baptist Church is having a wild onion dinner and rummage sale, Saturday, March 4, at the Senior Citizens Center located at First and High Streets in Eufaula. Dinner will begin at 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. Price per plate is \$4 and drinks and dessert are included.

March 11

Seminole Hitchitee will host a wild onion dinner at the church on Saturday, March 11, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Children under 12 can eat for \$2.50 a plate and \$5 for adults for the all-you-can-eat plate.

To get to Hitchitee from the west (Oklahoma City), take Interstate 40 east to the Seminole-Prague exit, south for three (3) miles, then five (5) miles east on Highway 99A, then 1/2 mile north off the road.

From the east (Henryetta), travel west on Interstate 40 to the Wewoka-Cromwell exit, then south for three (3) miles, then seven (7) miles west on Highway 99A and one half mile north.

March 18

The United Methodist Women of the Big Cussetah Church are having a wild onion dinner on Saturday, March 18 at the church beginning at noon and lasting until the food runs out.

Big Cussetah is located three miles east of Okmulgee on the Morris Highway, turning south for three and a half (3 and 1/2) miles to the church sign.

Tulsa Indian United Methodist Church is having a wild onion dinner on Saturday, March 18 beginning at noon through 7:00 p.m. at the church. Tulsa Indian United is located at 1901 North College in Tulsa. \$5 for adults children \$2.50. "Extras as priced, ample servings."

Thlopthlocco Methodist Church is having its wild onion dinner on Saturday, March 18 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Price includes dessert and drink. Hymn singing will follow.

April 11

Salt Creek United Methodist Church will host a wild onion dinner Saturday, April 8, from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the church. \$2.50 for children and \$5 for adults will buy all-you-can-eat and includes dessert and drink.

Salt Creek Methodist is located eight (8) miles north from Holdenville on Highway 48 then east for two miles to the church.

From Highway 9, its seven miles west of Wetumka, then south for two (2) miles.

Rev. Ray McGilbray is pastor.

NEW CHR'S FOR CREEK NATION—



THE CREEK NATION CHR PROGRAM ANNOUNCES the hiring of two new Community Health Representatives. They are Janetta Harjo, right, Hanna, who will be the CHR for McIntosh County and Bernice Watson, Bristow, who is designated as CHR for Creek County. The two were hired last month. For further information regarding the Creek Nation Community Health Representative program, contact CHR supervisor, Joanna Thomas at 756-8700 ext. 228. -Photo by Elliot Barnett

National Native News goes to Live Broadcast

Gary Fife, local Creek who is host and editor of Nation's Native News in Alaska, announced today that his show is now live. The live broadcast allows greater flexibility than a pre-recorded show and can provide up-to-the-minute news coverage, he said. National Native News is the Nation's first and only daily news program covering Native American issues. Congratulations Gary!

Car Seats Available Through CHR Program—

The Creek Nation Community Health Representatives Office now has car seats available. Applications for the car seats may be obtained from the CHR office at the Tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee.

Requirements for the car seats are listed below:

1. A completed application
2. A Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and Tribal

Enrollment Card.

3. A \$10.00 deposit (partially refunded upon return of seat)
4. Reside within Creek Nation boundaries

The Car Seat program is a federal program and has been in effect since 1983. There is now an Oklahoma state law requiring all infants and small children to be buckled or restrained in a car seat.

For more information contact the CHR office at 756-8700.

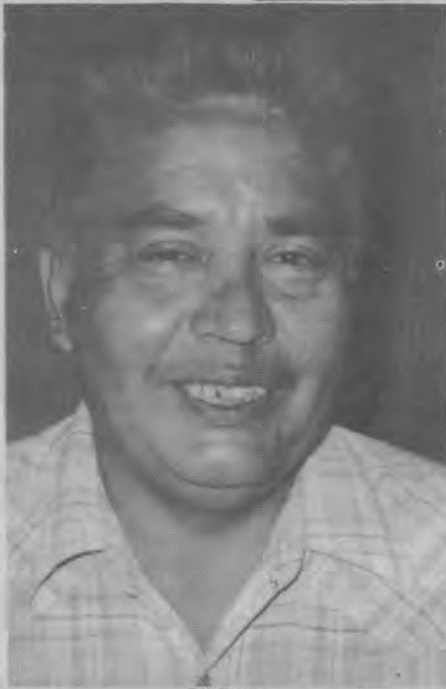


JOANNA THOMAS, CN CHR SUPERVISER, with car seats available through the CN CHR program for eligible participants. -Photo by Elliot Barnett



MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER PROFILES- CREEK DISTRICT

The Muscogee Nation News will be featuring, each month, profiles of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council members, district by district. It is hoped that these profiles will provide the Creek people with information about the National Council members, who are elected to represent the people and the concerns of their district. The order of profiles published will be by district in alphabetical order.



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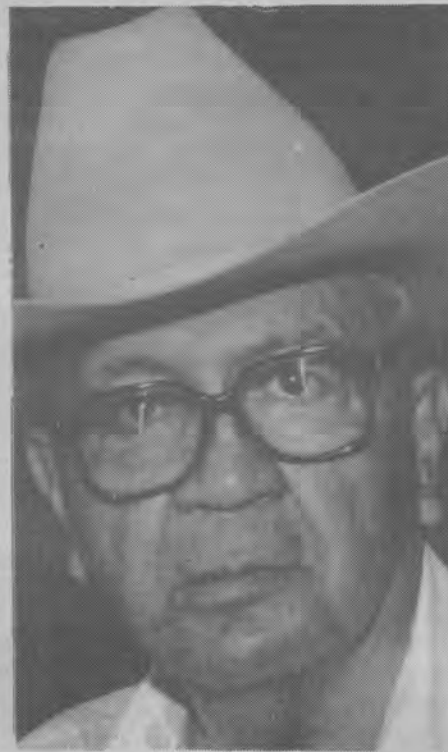
Ed Porter Frye, Creek district-Seat B., was born and raised in Creek County and graduated from Bristow. He retired from 25

years in Alaska and currently lives in Bristow. While working and living in Alaska, Frye was a member for 10 years of the local school board. He served two years as Chairman of the local school district and was a delegate to the state and National Convention of the Republican Party.

Frye's objective as a council member are that Creek Nation becomes more self-sustaining, and reliance on federal funding reduced, and that the Nation explore economic development projects aggressively.

CLARENCE CLOUD

Clarence Cloud lives in Bristow with his wife Lou. He was educated at Chilocco Indian School and retired in 1981 after 35 years as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He has served as President of the Tulsa Local 584 for six consecutive years and



Clarence Cloud

executive board for four years. Active in politics, Cloud served as elective delegate to two national conventions at Seattle and Atlantic City. Cloud and his wife opened and operated the Democratic Headquarters in Sapulpa.



Roy Bear

Cloud has served on the CN Housing Board for four years and was an appointee of Chief Cox to the CN Supreme Court, a post which he resigned in 1981 to serve on the National Council.

ROY BEAR

Roy Bear was raised and has lived in the Bristow area all of his life. He is a graduate of Haskell Institute and served in the Armed Forces and in the Vietnam Conflict. He is a strong advocate of programs for the elderly and for the communities.

—NOTICE—

CN HOSPITAL CLOSES OBSTETRICAL SERVICES

It was announced recently by Vicki Carpenter, Director of the Division of Community Services, that effective immediately, the Obstetrical Services at the Creek Nation Community Hospital have been temporarily suspended until further notice. "This clinical decision was made based on the recommendations of the physicians of the Creek Nation Hospital," said Carpenter.



—CLARIFICATION—

MNN Policy on Printing of National Council Minutes

Regarding the numerous inquiries received about the lateness of the National Council Minutes appearing in the MNN in accordance with the National Council's ordinance, the Muscogee Nation News is required to publish only the **APPROVED MINUTES** of the National Council. The minutes of each meeting are approved at the next monthly session, thus causing the minutes to be printed one to two months after the original session.

District/Regional Wrestling Winner-

Brian McGirt, son of Robert and Deb Reeder, Sultan, Washington, and formerly of Carson, was a district and regional winner in the class A/B wrestling in Washington. He qualified for the state meet which was held recently at Tacoma Dome in Tacoma. Brian went into the meet as the district champion at 129 pounds. Sultan

Brian's record is 25-1. He was second in the regional last year, but due to illness, couldn't wrestle in the State meet. Brian was on the wrestling team at Calumet High School in Calumet, Oklahoma in 1986-87.

His hobbies include riding and working with horses, fishing, and playing sports with his sister, Faren. He also works parttime after school. He plans to return to the state after graduation in June.

He is the grandson of Raymond McGirt, Lamar.



Creek Nation Bingo Has Distinction of First Mega Bingo Winners in the State-

By Elliot Barnett



Terry Boudinot, left awarded prize.



Ms. King accepts prize from Nelson Johnson.

Terry Boudinot, Okmulgee, and Mildred King of Harina, are the first two winners of the Mega Bingo games in Oklahoma. Each won a \$10,000 consolation prize- Boudinot on February 18th and King on February 20. Ray Barnett, General Manager of the Okmulgee facility stated that the Okmulgee Bingo Hall and the Creek Nation Bingo Hall in Tulsa are the only two Indian bingo halls in Oklahoma that have participated in the Mega Bingo games. He was proud of the distinction the Okmulgee facility gained by having the first two consolation winners in the state- "I think it is great- we were the first Oklahoma Bingo hall to win the Mega Bingo and I feel like it's going to be a great thing for the Creek Tribe."

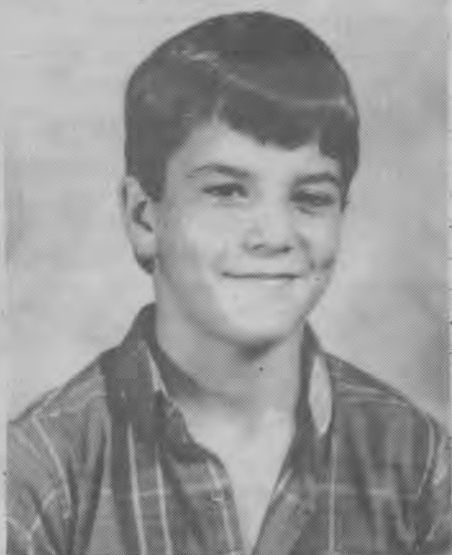
Barnett remarked that the Mega Bingo game has increased attendance at his bingo hall about 30-45 people per session. "It has also brought a lot of people into the town of Okmulgee..."

The Okmulgee Bingo Hall celebrated it's second anniversary February 25. The official opening of the Okmulgee facility was February 28, 1987.

The Mega Bingo games are televised nightly from Creek Nation's Bingo Hall in Tulsa to other bingo halls in this state, Louisiana, New Mexico, California, Minnesota, Alabama and Wisconsin. Up to \$500,000 can be won each night with the winnings being paid in a 20-year annuity.



Michael Roller is Six Time State Champion in Wrestling-



Michael Roller

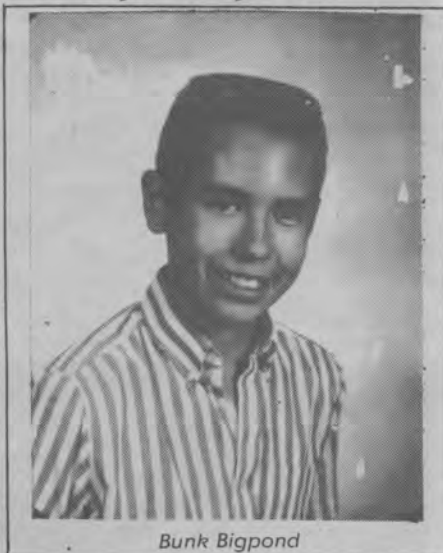
Michael Roller, Bixby, set an all-time State record by winning a State Championship in elementary wrestling for the sixth consecutive year. His record includes: 1987-88 Season- 68 wins, 6 losses, 50 falls and undefeated in category 12 and under. His career record is: 388 wins against 34 loses with 234 falls. In the last six years, 339 wins against 8 loses with 321 falls.

He is the son of Bev and Jack Roller of Bixby. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement!

Dewar Hosts Catfish Fry-

The Dewar Indian Senior Citizens are sponsoring a fried catfish dinner on Saturday, March 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dewar Indian Community Center. \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 buys a plate of whole catfish, cole slaw, baked beans or potato salad, dessert and drink. The Community Center is located one block east of the Dewar Post Office and two blocks north.

Liberty Student Named Champion Speller-



Bunk Bigpond

Negiel (Bunk) Bigpond, son of Jan and Negiel Bigpond of Mounds, was presented an award for Championship Speller of the Eighth grade at the Liberty Mounds Middle School. He is also on the Principal's Honor Roll for the year.

Creek Calendars Now Available-

Muskoke Calendars are now available through the CN Communications Department for \$3.00. The calendars are 14"x 19" with brown ink on either ivory or white stock. Contact the Communications Department at 756-8700 ext. 327 or send check to Commun. Dept. PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

HAPPY EASTER



Easter Dinner Set-

Easter Dinner will be served at all six of the Elderly Nutrition Centers on Thursday, March 23, 1989 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Creek is part of award-winning equine judging Team at Connors State

Roy Payne Morris, was part of the 1988 Connors State College Equine Judging team that competed recently in the Morgan Grand Nationals in Oklahoma City, The All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Ohio, the North American International Livestock Exposition in Kentucky, the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Junior Collegiate Judging Contest in Oklahoma City.

The award-winning team consists of Payne, Leesa Jasper, Wendall, Idaho; Jeff Holshouser, Norman, OK; Tammy Ritter, Henryetta, and Tammy Seago, Deweyville, TX.

In the All-American Quarter Horse Congress held in Columbus, Ohio on October 28, Roy Payne placed First in Halter Placing with Connors placing 16th overall and 10th in performance- out of 28 college teams and 140 judging contestants.

Payne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Payne of Boynton, OK.

Pickett Chapel Goes into Revival March 22-

The Pickett Methodist Chapel is hosting a weekend revival March 22 through the 24. Rev. William Little Sun from Apache will lead the revival. Services begin nightly at 7:00 p.m.

Pickett Chapel is located two miles south of Sapulpa on Hickory Street to Pickett Road.

-NOTICE-

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal offices and the Creek Nation Housing Authority will be closed Friday, March 24, to observe Good Friday. All offices will be open at their regular time on Monday, March 27.

Brown Chosen as Morris High School Basketball Queen



Geri Brown

Geri Leigh Brown, a Creek senior at Morris High School, was elected Basketball Queen on February 7, 1989.

Miss Brown has attended Morris schools since kindergarten. She has played basketball since the sixth grade.

Miss Brown has played forward and guard for the MHS Lady Eagles. She is also active in track, throwing the shot put and discus, the Spanish Club and plays softball in the off season.

Miss Brown is the daughter of Phyllis Brown and granddaughter of Rose Johnson. She attends Grave Creek Baptist Church. Miss Brown plans to continue her education after high school.

Birth Announcement-



Jade Elizabeth

Mr. and Mrs. Dane K. Beaver of Gonzales, Louisiana, announce the birth of their daughter, Jade Elizabeth. She was born on February 6, 1989 weighing eight pounds and nine ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rouillier Gonzales and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vance D. Beaver of Kinder, Louisiana. Great grandparents are the late Stella and Amos Beaver of Broken Arrow and great great grandmother is Jeanetta Haikey Beaver Bland.

Henryetta Senior Excels in the Classroom and on the Court

Submitted by Rita Williams

Recognizing Indian students for their accomplishments and gearing them toward higher goals has been one of the main focus for the Creek Nation. Among one of the many talented Indian youths is Tonya Lee Nail 1/4 Creek who is a senior at Henryetta High School.

Tonya has been student council president, president of her class, national honor society (11th grade) and during her senior year she is the secretary of the National Honor Society. She has a grade point average of 3.8.

Tonya's athletic ability on the basketball court had definitely added to the team but more important is her drive to never give up when the going gets tough and a tough season is



Tonya Lee Nail

exactly what the Henryetta girls had this year. She played four years of basketball, basketball captain, starting guard for two years, cheerleader for two years. Tonya was elected Basketball Queen along with another Creek

Indian Willie Wind as Basketball King. She was also football queen attendant for 1988. She has ran track for years and was a state qualifier for two years.

She plans to attend NSU after graduation, majoring in nursing.

With graduation a few months away and many social pressures upon our teenagers, Tonya commented, "to be the best that you can be you must start early. Because when you're a senior, it's almost too late to go back and undo things such as studying or playing sports. You have to give 100% and more."

Tonya's parents are Jimmy and Carrie Nail of Henryetta. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lott Nail, Bill Moore and Viola Moore of Henryetta.



Tribal Heads Say "Hidden Agenda" on part of Committee-

Tribal Chiefs Blast Senate Select Committee Investigative Hearings-



A Press Conference was held February 10, in Tulsa (Indian Health Care Resource Center) initiated by Chief Cox and Chief Wilma Mankiller in an effort to voice their concern over the Senate Select Committee's Investigative hearings involving Indian Country. Each of the Chief's presented their views and concerns on the hearings with time allotted for the two to be questioned by the Tulsa and local media representatives.

*Taped portion courtesy of Neil Kennedy, KVOO News.
-Photo by Gary Robinson*

Wilma Mankiller: "Basically, one of the reasons that Chief Cox and I decided to speak to the media today about the hearings is that we have become concerned about the negative publicity that has come out of the hearings. One of the things that has bothered me as the hearings have begun to unfold is that there is very, very few specific allegations against specific tribes, but rather are very generalized allegations that cover an entire race of people, and yesterday, something came out in the paper that said virtually every tribe in Oklahoma had been involved in some type of corruption in the last five years, which is absolutely not true. I felt that since I don't see anyone standing up for the Oklahoma Indian tribes and both Chief Cox and I are on the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission- we felt that we should stand up for the Oklahoma Indian Tribes and say very clearly that there are decent people operating Indian programs in this state. Very briefly, I testified on the first day of the hearings, and it was my impression that this committee was going to look at problems in tribal government and the SBA and HUD and BIA with a view of providing better services to individual Indian people and what has happened instead is that it has almost become a "witch hunt" and there's been very little specific information come out of the hearings as it unfolded and I

am beginning to think that there is a hidden agenda- and that there's an attempt to discredit tribes and tribal people on a very large scale and that this effort will be followed shortly by some new legislation that will attempt to severely limit the rights of tribes.

And/or there will be an attempt to curtail Indian programs. And I also was told last night by some people in Washington that this Committee has hired an public relations firm- which is also unprecedented. And it has the largest budget of any investigative committee formed recently. And for all of these reasons, I thought that it was important that Chief Cox and I, who have a collective tribal membership of well over 100,000, as Oklahomans, Oklahoma taxpayers and as heads of Oklahoma tribal governments, to refute some of the information that has been coming out of the hearings. And with this, I'll let Chief Cox talk about what his motivation was in this press conference and since we don't do Bingo, (Cherokee tribe), I think he might want to address the fact that there was some sort of sense that the Cosa Nostra was lurking around Okmulgee--"

Chief Cox: Thank you Wilma. As you know, the Creek Nation and Cherokee Nation are the two largest tribes in Oklahoma. We do a lot of contracting and run a lot of programs that we contract from

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Creek Nation Youth Council Report-

By Dean Tiger, Creek Nation Youth Specialist

The Creek Nation Native American Youth Project initiative, started through the care and concern of the Division of Community Services, is very much alive. As you read in the last issue of the Muscogee Nation News, we did not receive funding from Health and Human Services. We, the staff of the Creek Nation Native American Youth Project, consider this to be a slight setback but not a major detriment to the program.

After visiting most of the communities and addressing the students at their schools during the past few months, the staff felt the excitement and the anticipation of the Youth Project, therefore, every avenue will be investigated for alternative sources. The staff plans to submit a proposal to the Administration for Native Americans in May for funding. Until that time, the staff has prepared a budget of \$40,500 for National Council approval for monies to operate the program for an extended period until alternative funding can be sought.

It is hoped that the National Council representatives will see the need for the continuation of this crucial program and respond accordingly. In a meeting with Chief Cox recently to update him on the project, he expressed his hope that politics would be kept out of the youth program. Both he and Gary Breshears, executive director, expressed their full support for the youth program.

We encourage you to notify your Council Representative and voice your support for the youth project and it's continued existence.

We know the people of the Muscogee Nation realize the need for a program such as this, and if we are to train and educate the young people of today to be our leaders of the future, they must be given every possible consideration to be able to develop and expand their potential.

The following is a list of high schools that the Youth Specialist has visited to date: February 1, Okmulgee; February 6, Mason; February 16, Glenpool; February 17, Hanna; and February 20, Eufaula. Every high school with a high enrollment of Indian students can expect a visit from the Youth Specialist.

On February 2, the Youth Specialist met with a representative from the Indian Health Service to discuss the possibility of securing funds for the youth project. The following week, on February 8, the Youth Specialist

attended a meeting in Muskogee with Jim Fields, designated coordinator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, who is in charge of the Youth 2000 Movement for the BIA.

Also in attendance at this meeting were Ramona Moore and Anita Chisholm of the American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma, and Robert Alexander, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor for the Intertribal Inc., in Miami. The purpose of this meeting was to address with the Bureau if monies are available to sponsor a youth seminar scheduled for the later part of March.

These monies, if provided, would take some of the burden off those tribes who are planning to attend this very worthwhile youth workshop. More information will be forthcoming about this youth seminar through the schools.

The primary purpose of this scheduled workshop is to train three or four Indian youth from various schools within the Creek Nation on leadership, group cohesiveness, youth and parental involvement, action planning, and the process involved in establishing youth councils.



Eufaula Boarding School to Host Co-ed Volleyball Tourney

The Creek Nation Boarding School Student Activities is sponsoring a Co-ed Volleyball Tournament March 10, 11 and 12. The first 16 teams, with an eight player limit (four women, four men) will be accepted for the double elimination tournament.

First, second and third place tee shirts will awarded. Tee shirts will also be presented to the six member all star team. To enter, send \$50 entry fee to: Creek Nation Boarding School, Swadley Drive, Eufaula, 74432, attention Pat Dominic. For more information call 689-3980 or 689-2612 or contact the Administration Office at 689-2522. Entry deadline is March 6.

CN Boarding School to hold Indian Taco Sale-

The Creek Nation Boarding School is hosting a benefit Indian Taco Dinner at their cafeteria on Friday, March 17 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. \$4 for adults and children under 12 for \$2.50 for all-you-can-eat. Price includes coffee or tea and apple cobbler. Proceeds to help defray expenses of the students year-end trip.



"Lighthorsemen" Legendary in Early Creek History...

By Kathryn Bell

Historically, the Lighthorse, a group of mounted police, began in the nineteenth century with the Five Civilized Tribes, even though there was indication in pre-recorded Muscogee (Creek) history of such a police group.

The Lighthorsemen at that time were responsible for carrying out orders of Indian Territory and enforcing its laws.

The Lighthorse was terminated at statehood, with many of the former Lighthorse becoming Federal Marshalls.

The Lighthorsemen were given considerable latitude in enforcing the judgements of the courts as much reliance was placed upon their discretion, as indicated in C. Foreman's book, "The Light-Horse in the Indian Territory." (1956).

In 1867 the first written Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Tribal government established the Lighthorse- with six companies of Lighthorsemen, with five members per company for each of the six Creek Nation Districts established during that time- Coweta, Deep Fork, Okmulgee, Muskogee, Eufaula and Wewoka. Their duties were to enforce the laws of the Creek Courts.

The Lighthorse undertook their duties with the Creek Nation with zeal and thoroughness- the legal code of the Creek Indians was not complicated and very direct. Little time was wasted on legal argument. In the Creek penal code there was no jail required. No crime was punished by jailing. Only capital crime was punishable by death by rifle shot. The man who was convicted of murder chose his own executioner- for this reason he generally chose the best shot.

The lash or fines were administered for lesser crimes, but after the third conviction the man was designated as an habitual criminal and punishment was death. In some cases, the convict was allowed to petition the Tribal Chief for a review of the case.

Today, on the Council House lawn in Okmulgee, there stands a marble monument commemorating the last execution under Creek law- the infamous Timmie Jack (Creek) execution in 1896.

Today, the Lighthorse Administration at Creek Nation is



THE LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION OF CREEK NATION include left to right, Marsey Scott, Washington Cummings, Randall Chorette, Tony Lowe, Daniel Checotah, Jimmy Nixon and Lighthorse Manager, Richard Larney, a long-time veteran in local law enforcement.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

under the Division of Tribal Affairs and Division Director, Buddy York. Richard Larney, Manager of the Lighthorse Administration, is responsible for the daily management of the Administration.

Buddy York, Director of the Division of Tribal Affairs, commented on the function of the Lighthorse and the way that function may be redefined in the future in lieu of the recent winning by the Tribe of the Hodel Case- "Right now, the Lighthorse Administration is basically a security force, but we are in the phase of evolving into more of a law enforcement agency- but it will be a slow process until we know what our legal footing will be. There will be a period of time when we will need to work with local law enforcement to educate them on the responsibilities of what our law enforcement will be, so that we can work together," he continued, "We want to make sure that both segments (Indian and non-Indian) are provided with protection by the law."

* According to Larney, the Lighthorse Administration provides security for the tribal property and projects of the eight districts of the Creek Nation, often, if the need arises, working

with local law enforcement officials in each of those areas.

"We are here to provide a security force for all Creek Nation employees while on duty and all tribal assets," said Larney, citing the patrolling of the Complex, Okmulgee Bingo Hall, all of the community centers within the districts of the Nation, Commodity Food Warehouse etc.- all on an on-call basis.

A typical day for the Lighthorse would be to open the gates of the Complex in the morning for the employees as they arrive at work, patrol the grounds, respond to any calls on tribal property and the security alarms at the Complex, and at the end of the day, close the gates to the Complex and secure the grounds with the nightly patrol. The security force has four vehicles and a four-wheel drive, and they do carry weapons.

The Lighthorse individually are well-trained with each having a minimum of 320 hours of training in law enforcement.

The Lighthorse members are: Richard Larney, who resides in Henryetta and who is a police officer certified by the State. He is Creek and was hired January of last year as the Manager. Prior to this position, Larney was Chief of

Police at Henryetta- having served with that Police Department for 27 years. He served in the Army for six years with two years as Military Police. He was born and raised around Honey Creek in Okmulgee.

Other member include: Marsey Scott, Supervisor I, from Hughes County and certified by the State as security; Tony Lowe, Henryetta, patrolman, and certified by the State as a Police Officer; Washington Cummings, McIntosh County, patrolman, and who is certified by the State as a Police Officer; Daniel Checotah, Okmulgee, patrolman, who is certified by the State as security; Randall Chorette, Beggs, who is certified by the State as security and Jimmy Nixon, McIntosh County, who is certified by the State as a Police Officer. Debbie Guthrie, Wainwright, is the Office personnel.

-MNN Reminder-

The deadline for the April Issue of the Muscogee Nation News is March 17. Bring your community news or articles by the Communications Dept. in the Mound Building or send it to us at PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

"HE IS NOT HERE... HE IS RISEN..."

-Luke 24:6

May the Blessings and Joy of this Easter bring Renewal and Peace to you and yours.





Lighthouse...



THE LIGHTHORSE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION ARE SHOWN AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY in this photo obtained from the Oklahoma Historical Society. Although a photo of the Creek Lighthouse in the early days of Creek history is evidently not available, no doubt this group of dedicated and courageous men did have among their members, some mixed-blood Creeks. -photo courtesy of the Archives and Manuscripts Division of the OHS.

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE HEARINGS...

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the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service. I guess we were expecting, to come out of the hearings, some of the problems we have with contracting- but it came out a little different. They attack us in other areas- in our Bingo operations and saying the Mafia was coming onto the scene with our Bingo operations. As you know, the Creek Nation drafted a new Constitution and it took us quite a while to draft it and have it approved by the Secretary- we do have an Executive, Legislative and Judicial branch in our tribal government.

In getting back to the Bingo operations, we had quite a problem here in Tulsa (Bingo Hall) with them trying to shut us down. We have gone through a lot of court trials and we have come out in good shape and we haven't lost a court battle yet.

I think that some of the allegations that came out of the hearings about the Mafia were made up...you have a guy that's hiding behind a screen, with his voice disguised and has no name or anything...I think he's just blowing in the wind. Somebody asked me the other day if I thought he was scared of the Mafia and I said- "If I were him, I'd be scared of the Indians!"

twenty years at Creek Nation (I'm in the second year of my fifth, four-year term as Principal Chief), we hardly had anything when it started- we didn't even have a written Constitution and since then we have worked hard to turn it around and get the officials to recognize us as sovereign nations. We are a nation within a nation and we work with the federal government on a government-to-government relationship.

As Wilma said earlier, we were on the Governors Blue Ribbon Committee that was set up and made some changes in some of the legislation in the operation of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, and I think we've made a lot of progress. Governor Bellmon has really supported the Tribes in Oklahoma, even when he was Senator, that turned a lot of these tribes around and headed them in the right direction- the direction we have taken to get to where we are today. In education, health and economic development, that we didn't have twenty years ago- just go back and look from where we have come. We've brought a lot of money into the State, in economic development, in better health programs. And now we come up and get into some real good economic development projects that bring

money into the tribe and they begin to say, "Well it looks like they're getting too far out there. We've got to put the reigns on them, pull them back" and kind of hold us down, but we've come out ahead so far, in real good shape.

We've got a lot to look forward to but I'll say one thing, its going to be kind of hard to get there. Of course we've got to get on to something else besides just this bingo. But that's what's bringing a lot of money to the tribes. Of course, the Cherokees haven't gotten into it yet but I think they're looking at it pretty seriously. It creates a lot of jobs. It brings a lot of money in and it also provides a lot of money for the tribes to put back into education and their health programs and other economic development project...

You see a lot in the papers about problems with other tribes in other areas, but we're not all that close to them. But I think there's probably some problems with some of them. But I'd say here in Oklahoma we're pretty clean. We try to live up to the contracts that we enter into with the Federal Government. We expect them to do the same which at times we run into a little problem, but we've

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Ocmulgee National Monument Officials Seek Input from Creek Citizens-

Dear Chief Cox:

I introduce myself to you as the new Superintendent of Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, Georgia. Realizing that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has cultural ties to this area, I solicit from you and all officials and members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, your viewpoints and concerns that relate to the management of the National Monument.

I pledge to all, my best efforts in preserving and protecting this nationally significant site. Also, I pledge my best efforts in promoting the site as an educational resource where all visitors can come and learn of the accomplishments, beliefs and traditions of Native Americans that chose this place to call their home.

I look forward to working with you and keeping you informed on issues facing the National Monument. In keeping with this pledge I have attached two internal memorandums expressing my opinions on concerns I have with the Lamar Mounds Site, within the Monument.

I believe the site is becoming increasingly exposed to threats as caused by a variety of influences. My opinions are preliminary and that of a self-confessed "newcomer." I would appreciate you sharing your thoughts with me on any subject, but specifically request your input on how to address the problems associated with the Lamar Mounds Site.

Sincerely,
Mark Corey
Superintendent

Mr. Corey's telephone number, for individuals interested in giving input is 912-752-8258, or write him at the Ocmulgee National Monument, 1207 Emory Highway, Macon, Georgia 31201.

NOTE: The concerns referenced by Mr. Corey on the Lamar Site include; a proposed "Fall Line Freeway" which will be constructed near the site, recent loggings of lands adjacent to the site, which has increased the visibility of the area and making it more accessible to illegal entry, three illegal excavations of the mounds detected last summer, and other concerns of the Mounds as an archeological excavation site and tourist attraction. The Lamar Mounds Unit is the only mounds in the Park which still contains the only remaining spiral ramp ascending it. It is believed by archeologists to be the site of the town Ichisi which DeSoto visited in 1540 and where the first documented Christian religious service was conducted during his expedition.



CN Legislative Overview

by Jim Wolfe

Editor's Note: This *Legislative Overview* will cover the most recent action from the National Council and the Office of the Principal Chief as a result of the January 28 Regular Session, February 11 Reconvened Session and the February 25 Regular Session.

Among the legislation approved by the National Council and signed by the Principal Chief, include the funding of scholarships for higher education and the hiring of a new tribal attorney. (Related story appears on page 1).

Scholarship money for 1989 was appropriated with the enactment of NCA 88-46. Higher Education however, needed additional funding for scholarships and the recent "Incentive Grant" program.

The bill allocates \$136,875 for the Higher Education program and \$179,300 for the Incentive Grants.

The Incentive Grant program provides money for those eligible students enrolled in college and maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or better, on a 4.0 scale.

Greg Bigler, an attorney for the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., is the new tribal attorney for the Muscogee Nation. Bigler had been nominated by Chief Cox for the tribal attorney position left vacant by Sherrin Watkins whose contract renewal was rejected by the Council in September. Bigler was initially considered for an attorney general position with the tribe by the Council.

In other business, the Chief approved the Council request for funds to modernize its office equipment. The \$20,000 will come from the Bingo Revenue account and any unexpended funds will be returned.

New tribal tax stamps have been purchased as a result of legislative action. Chief Cox signed the \$14,600.64 appropriation for that office.

Procedures will be different this year for the disposal of surplus tribal property. No longer will sealed bids be accepted for purchasing surplus tribal property, rather the items will be disposed of at a public auction. Last year the Council amended NCA 83-17, that would give Creek Nation communities, churches and ceremonial grounds the first option on surplus property.

The Council also approved an Executive Committee to

coordinate the 1989 and 1990 Creek Nation Festivals.

Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee District Representative to the National Council and a member of the Creek Nation Riding Club was chosen for the committee as was Tulsa District Representative Donna Rhodes, former Council Speaker, Carney Roberts, CN Controller Bob Davis and tribal facilities manager Rick Wolfe complete the Executive Committee.

A repeal of an earlier ordinance was also approved by the Council and the Chief. NCA 88-83 authorized the purchase of property for the Glenpool Indian Community. Apparently, the approval of the purchase was delayed long enough for the property to be sold to a convenience store chain interested in placing a truck stop on the site. The loss of the property, located at one of Glenpool's busiest intersections on Highway 75, stirred the ire of Tulsa District Representative Larry Bible.

A tribal right of way was authorized by the Council. The Okmulgee County Commissioners office received for a road, a right-of-way across Arbeka, tribal property. No compensation is due because the road will enhance the value of the property.

Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee District Representative, informed the Council that no one from Arbeka was included in the negotiations for the right-of-way.

The Sapulpa Head Start building will receive a new roof. Reports of the building's leaky roof were made in December when Rep. Bible discovered it while portraying Santa Claus at the facility.

Some Council members objected to the legislation because no bids or job specifications were included with the proposal and others thought the repairs should have been made through the Division of Tribal Affairs.

Shelly Stubbs Crow is the newest member to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board. Crow's name was submitted separately from the nomination of Anthony Hale to same board. Hale, a former National Council representative from Okmulgee, was not accepted for the position. The proposal died for lack of a motion on the floor.

Other measures not passing included a bill that would have appropriated money for an artistic preservation for the Creek Nation.

The Council postponed a bill from the Executive Office that sought the demolition of the Oakdale Gym Building. Frank Kamp, McIntosh District, told the Council that information regarding leases and outstanding obligations had not been forwarded to him as he had requested and moved to have the bill postponed.

A Resolution supporting the right of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town to seek an answer in court to resolve the issue of misplaced town royalties and mineral revenues. (This story was featured in the February issue of the *Muscogee Nation News*).

Eight proposals passed at the January meeting were vetoed by Cox. Most of the items were reconsidered at the February 25 meeting.

NCA 89-03, an ordinance providing fringe benefits to the National Council representatives was vetoed. The veto is allowed to stand after the motion to override did not muster enough support needed for the two-thirds majority.

NCA 89-14 was the only other vetoed bill that did not get the 18 votes needed for override.

The bill called for funding to

provide eyeglasses for Creek citizens through the Eufaula Clinic. The proposal brought howls of protest from other representatives who felt their districts were being slighted or that the appropriation was a "pork barrel" project.

No matter. The Chief's veto will stand as the motion to override had only 14 votes.

But six other vetos were voted down. Included in the six are NCA 89-04, NCA 89-05, NCA 89-07, NCA 89-09, NCA 89-10 and NCA 89-19.

NCA 89-04, is known as the "Ethics Bill" because it would prohibit employees or officers of the Creek Nation to do business with the tribe. As a result of the override the ethics bill will become a tribal ordinance.

NCA 89-05 amends an earlier ordinance, NCA 81-82. 81-82 is the tribal election code. The legislation amended the election code to require Creek voters to request an absentee ballot. The tribe has mailed absentee ballots to citizens and of course, absentee

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation Commodity Program Eligibility Criteria

Creek Nation Food Distribution Program —Located at 4th and Alabama Street—

You May Be Eligible If You:

- Are enrolled as a tribal member or possess a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card.
- Reside within the Creek Nation boundaries and outside the city limits of a city with a population of less than 10,000.
- Are working for low pay or not working at all.
- Are receiving public, general or other assistance payments.

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Distribution sites are served twice a month except for Wetumka and Hanna. The site closest to your residence is where you will pick up your commodities. Distribution sites are: Holdenville, Coweta, Okemah, Glenpool, Eufaula, Bristow, Kellyville, Weleetka, Okmulgee, Dewar, Hanna, Checotah and Wetumka.



Winter Stompdance Held at Sapulpa-



YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE GATHERED at the Kellyville Community Center for the annual Indoor Benefit Stomp Dance hosted by the Education Committee and the Title IV at Sapulpa. The celebration was dedicated to the late Ruby Littlebear. Dode Warrington and Cody McCombs, seniors at Sapulpa High School, will travel to France this summer. Proceeds from the raffles, cake walks and donations will defray the pair's expenses.

Photo by Jim Wolfe

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ballots were the center of controversy during the last tribal election for Chief in 1987. All absentee voters registered with the Election Board will be notified by the Board about the procedure.

NCA 89-07 amended the NCA 82-48. The amendment calls for the disclosure of "salaries, wages, and any other compensation paid to all elected, or appointed officers, and employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation". The Chief vetoed the bill objecting that the disclosure and publication of salaries is a violation of the federal Privacy Act.

The Council voted to override the Chief's veto of NCA 89-09, Reauthorizing a Cooperative Economic Development Project with Thomas McIntosh.

The Chief vetoed the bill citing a cash flow problem with the business. Cox submitted figures to the Council with his veto message that showed total expenditures for the agri-business at \$460,991.97 against revenues of \$341,700.85; a \$119,291.12 loss.

Clarence Cloud, Creek District, told the Council that (McIntosh) was a "proud" and qualified manager of the tribal farm. Cloud told the Council that "to liquidate (farm assets) would be a sad thing."

Funding for the Vietnam Era Veterans Intertribal Association was enacted after the Council voted to override the Chief.

Cox had objected to the

appropriation saying the veterans group should try a new management approach. The Chief also suggested that the Oakdale building be used for other purposes.

With an impassioned plea, Harley Little, Muskogee District, successfully argued that a new management group was in place and that the war veterans were entitled to this chance.

The Attorney General's Office was created with the override. The Chief had objected to the office claiming that the Council had usurped executive authority by creating an office.

The override garnered 21 votes with only one abstention and none opposed.

February 25 Legislative Action

The National Council had only eight bills to consider at its February 25 Regular Session. Two of those were returned to committee and the other six were sent to the Principal Chief's office.

Returning to committee for more work are the supplemental appropriations for the Muscogee Nation Election Board and a bill seeking funds for an eight month period for the Muscogee Nation Native American Youth Project.

A supplemental appropriation for the tribe's Citizenship Board was approved. The supplement amounts to an additional \$6,800 to cover stipends for meetings, office expense and travel among others. The money will be

appropriated from Tobacco Tax Revenues.

The Wetumka Indian Community softball fields may get lighting if the Chief signs the bill. The Council voted unanimously for Hughes District Representative Jonas Dunson's bill. \$25,487.57 is the cost to light the fields. According to Dunson, the lights will enhance the property value and will allow the community to hold softball tournaments to raise money.

The Council also approved a bill authorizing the Chief to recommend an independent auditor to do a complete audit of the CARES project near Okemah. CARES was an economic development project of the tribe that was discontinued after one year of operation.

The bill, introduced by Okfuskee District Representatives Bill Burden and Bill Fife, contains a justification for the audit as "necessary in order to identify" what caused the ruination of the CARES Project.

A bill that provides funding for travel, training and other expenses was approved by the Council. The bill, if approved by the Chief, would appropriate \$60,000 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Aid to Tribal Government Account.

A bill providing \$18,000 to the Court Appointed Special Advocates was approved with no

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OILS Has Toll-Free Line-

The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., has now instituted the use of a toll free 1-800 line to assist in the accessibility of legal services to those potential (Oklahoma resident) clients outside of the Oklahoma City metro area. This toll-free number is an in-state wats only, which means only potential clients within the Oklahoma State boundary are able to gain access to this number. It's office will no longer accept collect calls. Potential clients should make direct calls or use the free 1-800 line.

OILS, a nonprofit corporation, provides free legal services to eligible low income Indian clients in civil actions involving Indian status issues. OILS has five priority areas: Indian housing, particularly problems involving mutual help homes; natural resources problems involving trust and restricted land; Indian child welfare cases; tribal sovereignty issues, including tribal code development; and issues involving individual rights, such as Indian health care, social security and other federal benefits where restricted or trust property is involved and Indian civil rights issues.

The priority areas will be reviewed by the OILS Board of Directors at their first quarterly board meeting for 1989 and is subject to revision.

Persons who believe they have a legal problem fitting one of the OILS case priority areas may contact the OILS office by calling (405) 528-5500 or 1-800-759-0805 (toll free), Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 4:30 for an initial intake. The intake will be reviewed and the applicant will be contacted about whether an attorney appointment will be scheduled. Appointments will be scheduled according to the location and time of an attorney.

OILS cannot accept all cases falling in one of the five broad priority areas due to its small attorney staff, and attorneys must follow more detailed written guidelines in determining whether to accept a case which falls in those priority areas. OILS does not provide any representation in criminal matters.

All-Indian Calendar of Events Now Available-

The Four Corners Tourist Commission, U.S.A. has put together an "Indian Calendar of Events." A donation for the booklet is \$2.50 which covers printing costs, material, envelope and postage. No personal checks. Contact 1989 All-Indian Calendar of Events, Four Corners Tourist Commission U.S.A., Public Relations, PO BOX 306, Chinle, Arizona, 86503.



City of Faith Hospital to Hold Indian Open House Health Awareness Day March 4

The City of Faith Hospital has scheduled an "Indian Open House" Health Awareness Day, Saturday, March 4.

The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a Welcome Speech and Introductions. At 11:00 a.m. tours of the City of Faith will begin and health screening for blood pressure, cholesterol, Glaucoma and Glucose. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. in the City of Faith 2nd floor cafeteria.

A Gospel Singing will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Mabee Center. Invited singers are: J.B. Dreadfulwater, Emcee; Orphan Family, Gospel Lights, Buck Brothers, Negiel Bigpond and Sun

Rise.

A tour of the ORU Campus will begin at 4:00 p.m. Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the Mabee Center Mezzanine.

A pow-wow is scheduled for the evening in the Mabee Center Arena, starting with a Gourd Dance at 6:00 p.m. at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Parade In. The evening will conclude at 11:00 p.m.

The Open House is coordinated by Ms. Gwen Heyman, Director of Indian Health Services at City of Faith.

There will be arts and crafts displayed in the Mabee Center Lobby.

Comment From the City of Faith Hospital Administration

The City of Faith is very interested in the health care given to the Native American. We are willing to work with the patient to achieve the best care available.

The City of Faith is designed with the patient's comfort in mind and is equipped with state of the art diagnostic equipment.

The City of Faith recognizes that God is the source of all healing and strives to care for the whole patient. We have a list of Indian ministers who are on call for the Indian patient if your own is not available as well as the ministry's own Prayer Team.

We have a Patient Liaison who is notified when an Indian patient arrives. The patient is met and made comfortable and escorted to wherever the patient may need to go. Daily visits are made to the patient if his condition allows.

Oral Roberts University is also interested in recruiting qualified high school students for Pre-Medical, Pre-Nursing and other health field programs.

-Fellowships, Scholarships, Opportunities-

Indian Production Company Recruiting Talent-

Indian America Productions is the first agency of its kind to represent and develop Native American talent. Some of the artists currently on the I.A.P. roster include the Eagle Feather Dancers (White Mountain Apache-Cumsah), the Lamere Family (Shoshone), the Le-La-La Dancers Society (Kwakiutl), as well as speakers Chockie Cottier and Chief Phil Stevens, among others. I.A.P. is currently looking for entertainers, dancers and musicians of all styles to expand its roster for bookings primarily on the college circuit. For information please contact David Rosen at Indian America Productions (415) 552-4567, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. P.S.T. or write to: I.A.P., 225 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

OU offers Minority Fellowships-

The College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oklahoma is sponsoring graduate fellowships and assistantships for minorities leading to master's or doctoral degrees in the humanities, social sciences and the sciences.

Master's degree candidates admitted to the program will receive stipends of \$7,500. Doctoral candidates will receive stipends for amounts varying from \$7,500 to \$10,000 depending on the department. Special awards called Centennial Research Assistantships will pay \$12,000.

Applications for the fall 1989 program are due April 15. For more information, contact Dorscine Spigner-Littles, OU College of Arts and Sciences, 221 Physical Sciences Center, 601 Elm Ave., Norman, OK 73019.

Annual Red Cloud Indian Art Show set for June-

The Annual Red Cloud Indian Art Show will open June 11 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The Show, open to all Native American artists, is in its 21st year and this year will offer more than \$9,000 in awards.

The show is for those 18-years and older. There is no entry fee and the show is admission free to the public from June 11- August 13. For entry information, contact The Heritage Center, Inc., Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770.

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honor". John 12:24-26

Recently I read about a young man who wanted to go to Bible College and prepare himself for the mission field. His mother and father didn't want him to waste his talents doing that. They persuaded him to give up the idea. He even eventually quit church and Sunday School. The other later said, "I wish that my son had not only gone to the mission field, but had also died a martyr's death, because right now he's behind bars. We will have to live the rest of our lives with the indignity of his crime."

Some people believe that when bright and talented people go to the mission field, it is a waste. Some others, whom God has called, say, "It costs too much." The real question is, "What is it going to cost to disobey?" "What will it cost me, my wife, and my children to try to live outside the will of God?" It isn't worth the nice position one has with the company or the tribe; the prestige, or the possession you can accumulate. When you see how Satan can devastate the lives of your family members when you are living out from under the protective hand of God, none of those things will matter. But, it is too late at that point to change things.

There are those with the call of God on their lives who say, "I can work and serve God on the side," when they should be making serving God in the area to which they are called the priority, and if necessary, working on the side. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God...."

Charles H. Spurgeon once said to his son, "I should not like you, if God meant you to be a missionary, to die a millionaire. I should not like, were you fitted to be a missionary, that you should shrivel down to be a king. What are all kings, all nobles, all your diadems, when they are put together, compared with the dignity of winning souls for Christ?"

One should first be certain of their calling. The time will come when that knowledge will be the only thing to keep you going. Others will make fortunes, but your paycheck doesn't increase. Others will quit their jobs and start over, but you must stay by the stuff. You can never be content unless you give more than you receive. You will be the servant of your fellowman. The Holy Spirit and the Word will be your guide, and

God, your strength. The consciousness of the call of God on your life will give you the courage to go on and give you a sense of destiny. It's a high and glorious calling, and we have the same promise that God gave to Moses, "Certainly I will be with thee." Exodus 3:12

We have stayed busy during the month of January. It was started with services in Nayimi Indian Baptist Church, Broken Bow, Oklahoma. The following week-end I was in the First Indian Baptist Church, Livingston, Texas on the Alabama-Coushatta reservation. God truly blessed with good services and very good fellowship.

The next week I was in a camp meeting, Houston, Texas. What a blessed time of worship and praising the Lord. We had some of the best preaching one could ever hear. The Holy Spirit moved in such a miraculous way. I must say I needed that meeting. While in the Houston area, I preached in River Oaks Baptist Church. God gave us a good service, with many in the altars for prayer. Then I preached at East River Baptist Church, where Bro. Danny Farley is the pastor. We had a good service and God's Presence was very real to each of us.

I then went to Brownboro, Texas, and was in Rock Hill Baptist Church. I enjoyed the time and fellowship with the church and their pastor, Bro. Bob Logan and his family. I showed slides of the work among our Indian people on the reservations.

On the 29th of January, I preached both services at Temple Baptist Church, McAlester, Oklahoma. God gave us good services with people coming for prayer and commitment. This church is without a pastor at this time and needs your prayers as they seek God's will for a new pastor. Also pray for the First Texas Indian Baptist Church as they seek God's will for a pastor.

We are looking forward to a great year. Many of you say you pray for us every day. This is a tremendous blessing. We could not continue to go and do the things we endeavor to do without your prayers. Please continue to pray that God will open the hearts of people to His glorious Gospel and for our health, strength and wisdom. Of course we could not go without your financial support. We thank you, and we praise God every day for you, our co-laborers in this ministry.

Your missionaries to the
North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest & Bennie Best



—OBITUARIES—



Stella Coser is shown with granddaughter, Kim Coser, daughter of Pete and Joann Coser, at a local high school Indian Day, several years ago.

STELLA COSER

Stella Coser of Okmulgee died in Okemah, Thursday, February 2. Mrs. Coser was born Feb. 20, 1914 in Morris. She is survived by three sons, Pete Coser of Stillwater, George S. Coser, Jr. and Wayne Coser both of Okmulgee; three daughters, Nettie Harjo of Okmulgee, Geneva Wallace of Bell Garden, Calif., and Georgia Coser of Muskogee; 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Wake services were held Sunday, February 5 at the McClendon Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 6 at Buchanan Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Thomas Berryhill Jr. officiating. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of McClendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were the Red Land Singers and Jim Harjo Jr.

DEWEY TOLBERT JR.

Services for Dewey Tolbert Jr., 61, of Hanna, were held Monday, February 6 at the Hanna Assembly of God Church with the Rev. J.D. Layman and Rev. Bob Guinn officiating. Interment followed at Senora Cemetery, near Henryetta, under the direction of Merritt Funeral Service of Eufaula.

Tolbert was born December 13, 1927 in Hanna and died February 2, 1989 at Community Lakeview Hospital in Eufaula.

A self-employed carpenter, he had lived in Tulsa for 23 years before returning to Hanna in 1980. He was an Army veteran of World War II, vice president of the Hanna Indian Community and was a member of the Hanna Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Willow Dee Tolbert of the home; daughters, Janet Watkins of Sapulpa, Eva Watkins and Debbie Noyes both of Hanna, Teresa Lewis of Jenks, Rita Matney of Glenpool; brothers Harold

Tolbert, Dwight Tolbert and Gene Tolbert all of Hanna, and Johnny Tolbert of Tulsa; sisters, Charlene Stevens of California, Carol Castleman and Juanita Kelly, both of Tulsa, and Sharon Berry of Hanna; and 16 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Zenas Layman, Calyborn Fields, Jim Edwards, James Paul Layman, Odell Jones, Odell Campbell and C.B. Martin.

RAYMOND O. YARGEE

Raymond O. Yargee, age 80, died Thursday February 9, 1989 in an Oklahoma City hospital.

Yargee was born February 2, 1909 in Edna and was a retired pipefitter. He was a member of the Pipefitters National Union and the Alabama Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include three nieces, Sally Lindsey of Oklahoma City, Peggy Sue Thompson and Martha Soto, both of San Bernadino, California; and two nephews, Wilson Jones, Jr. of Los Angeles, California and Tony Jones of San Bernadino, California.

Wake services were held Friday, February 10 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 11 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel with interment following in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of McClendon Funeral Home, Okmulgee.

CAMILLE BELL LEWIS

Camille Bell Lewis, 74, died February 3, 1989. She was born April 8, 1914 in Haskell.

Services were held at the Wright Funeral Home Chapel in Coweta on February 7, 1989, with the Rev. Newman Frank officiating.

Mrs. Lewis was of the Baptist faith. She was a homemaker and an aircraft worker during World War II. She was active in tribal politics and held responsibility for ballot boxes in the Coweta District. At the time of her death, she was dealing with antiques.

She is survived by her husband, Herb Lewis; sisters Dorothy Pifer, Haskell and Cindy B. Harris, Aberdeen, Maryland; several nieces and nephews and a cousin Willis Bell of Coweta.

Interment was in the Haskell Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

HULLY SOLOMON

Hully Solomon, 70, of Hanna, died Monday, February 13, 1989 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

Wake service was held February 16 at the Merrit Funeral Service Eufaula Chapel. Funeral services

were Friday, February 17, 1989 at the Hanna First Baptist Church with Rev. Bunny Hill officiating. Burial was in the Solomon Family Cemetery under the direction of Merrit Funeral Services.

Solomon was born August 19, 1918 in Hanna. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was retired from the Navy Ammunition depot in McAlester. After his retirement he worked in the Hanna School System and has been driving the bus for the Hanna Senior Citizens. He was baptized into the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church on May 15, 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline of the home; one son, Robert Solomon of Fort Louis, Washington; two stepsons, Richard T. Thompson of Henryetta and David Eugene Harley of Okmulgee; one granddaughter, Natasha Ann Solomon of Fort Louis, Wash.; and three step grandchildren.

BESSIE BRIGHTMAN

Bessie Brightman, 79, of Eufaula died Wednesday, February 15, 1989, at Lakeview Community Hospital in Eufaula.

Services were held Saturday, February 18 at Little Coweta Baptist Church with the Rev. Ernest Best officiating. Music was provided by the Little Coweta Choir.

Burial was in the Morrison Family Cemetery under the direction of Black's Funeral Home, Eufaula.

Pallbearers were Byrd Farrow Jr., Hank Starkey, Gary Lindley, Washington Cummings and Buddy McFarland. Honorary pallbearers are Ray Kirkpatrick, Byrd Farrow Sr., Jack Rumsey and Pink Rumsey.

Mrs. Brightman was born June 6, 1909 at Lena, the daughter of Hense and Nancy Atkins Morrison.

She grew up and attended schools at Lena and the Eufaula Boarding School. She was married to Monroe Brightman on January 11, 1939 in McAlester. He preceded her in death in 1988.

Mrs. Brightman owned and operated the Farmer Cafe in Eufaula for several years. In addition to being a homemaker, she served many years as a grandmother at the Eufaula Dormitory. She was a member of Little Coweta Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Eufaula; three sisters, Lillie Rumsey, Susie McFarland, and Betty Derrisaw, all of Stidham; one brother-in-law, Lehamn 'Pogie' Brightman, of Stidham; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

MINNIE HARJO

Funeral services for Minnie Harjo, 46, were held Wednesday, February 28, 1989 at the Creek Chapel Methodist Church with Rev. John Tiger officiating. Harjo

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-Notes of Appreciation-

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to all the wonderful people of the Hanna Community for the flowers, food and deep concern during the loss of our beloved dad and husband.

We would also like to thank the Creek Nation for their assistance with the funeral expenses and cooperation during our period of mourning.

Again, thank you.

The Dewey Tolbert Family

We would like to thank everyone for their visits and presence and your cards and flowers and your thoughtfulness and your help when it was really needed. We deeply appreciate it.

We would like to thank the Creek Nation for all of your help during the illness of Camille Lewis.

Camille Bell Lewis Family

A Tribute to Stella Coser from her Family-

We would like to share some of the things that were important to our mother and that we learned from her. She was proud to be a full blood, a Cussetah and niece of Chitto Harjo. She taught us many things, including the admonition to love one another, as these things were taught by our ancestors.

We children acknowledge our clan, the Fox clan, and our tribal town, Cussetah, ties through our mother, as our people have always done. She taught us that the Cussetah people came from the earth; some say we originated out west at the base of the Rocky Mountains at the beginning of time. The people journeyed eastward toward the place of the rising sun in search of the purest thing they could see.

In the east, they met the Tuckabutchee people, who had come from the sky, and they compared one another's language and medicine. They found them to be the same, so the Cussetah people settled there with the Tuckabutchee. This was the beginning of the Mvskoke people.

When the Cussetah people were removed to Indian Territory, they settled in the area that is now between Morris and Okmulgee with their ceremonial ground at

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died at the Oklahoma Memorial Hospital February 19, 1989.

Mrs. Harjo was born at Tahlequah on August 14, 1942. She was the daughter of Sammah and Lodie Harjo and had been an Okfuskee County resident for most of her life. She was a member of the Creek Chapel Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Sonnie Harjo, of the home in Okemah; six sons, Kelly Harjo, Lawrence, Kansas, Sam Harjo, Okmulgee, Terry Harjo, Curtis Harjo, Randy Britt and Tim Noyes, all of the home; one daughter, Carolyn Harjo, of the home; one brother, Jack Harjo, Wewoka; and two grandchildren.

Interment was in the Harjo Family Cemetery, Wetumka, under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Home.

ROGER W. ZINK

Services for Roger W. Zink, 49, were held Thursday, February 23, 1989 at Thlopthlocco Methodist Church with the Rev. Thomas Long and Rev. Ray McGilbray. Zink died February 19, 1989 in Okemah.

He was born October 27, 1939 at Freeport, Illinois. He attended school at Stockton, Illinois and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was united in marriage with Miss Leona Harjo December 7, 1963 at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Zink was a member of Thlopthlocco Methodist Church, a 32nd Degree Mason, Paralyzed Veterans of America and D.V.A.

He is survived by his wife, Leona Harjo Zink, of the home in Okemah; one daughter, Daphne Renee Zink of the home; one son, Glenn Zink II, Weatherford; an adopted granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth Pfender; his mother, Mrs. Mary Zink, Stockton, Ill.; two brothers, Robert Zink, Stockton, Ill., and Kenneth Zink, Del City; two sisters, Jeanette Dunse, Tulsa and Sharon Arand, Stockton, Ill.; his mother-in-law and brother-in-law, Mrs. Lillie Harjo and Jimmie Johnson, both of Okemah, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Interment was in the Thlopthlocco Methodist Church Cemetery under the direction of Webb's Funeral Service. The Tinker Air Force Base Honor Guard were pallbearers.

HENRY TIGER

Henry (Ted) Tiger, 79, died Friday, February 10, 1989 at Okmulgee.

He was born October 22, 1909 in Bristow.

Graveside services were held at the Vernon Cemetery in Coweta with the Rev. Newman Frank, Sr.

officiating.

Survivors include: three daughters, Janice Tiger, of Mounds, Virginia Nichwander, of Glenpool, and Joan Flores of Stilwell; two sons, Dahl Rand Tiger, and Ted Tiger, both of Mounds; one stepdaughter, Arentice Wilden, of Mounds; 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

LENA FIXICO

Lena Fixico, 87, of Shawnee, died Wednesday, February 22, 1989 in Shawnee.

The daughter of Ramsey and Ludie (King) Spencer, Fixico was born July 1, 1901 in Seminole County.

She moved to Shawnee as a young girl and lived there until her demise. Primarily a housewife and homemaker, she had also worked at the Up To Date Laundry.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Susie Mitchell.

Services were held Saturday, February 25 at the Chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home in Shawnee, with the Rev. Jackson Deer officiating.

Fixico is survived by: two sons, Telmond Fixico of Shawnee and Johnnie Fixico of Sapulpa; two daughters, Nelsey Harjo of Seminole and Pauline Butler of Hanna; 17 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Interment was in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrowhead Resort Arts & Crafts Festival Set

Arrowhead Resort is hosting an All-Indian Arts and Crafts Fair March 17-19 in conjunction with the Choctaw-Nation owned resort's 3rd Annual Bluegrass Festival. The fee is \$30 for two and a half days and the deadline for entry is **March 15th**.

For further information contact the Resort at 1-800-442-2711.

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dissent.CASAclaims that one-third of its caseload involves a Creek child. The appropriation is one-third of the money CASA needs to complete its purchase of a permanent facility and other items.

The Council also donated \$2,000 to the Native American Press Association. The organization is the only press association that provides Native American journalists on a national scale.

The National Council set its Planning Session for March 16 and its next Regular Session will be March 25, 1989.

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the center. This spot is located about one mile west of the present site of Big Cussetah Methodist Church.

Mother used to tell us that in the old days when the Cussetah ceremonial ground was active, many old time Creeks would take medicine at the grounds and then go to church the next day, Sunday. They knew that *Ibofvnga* (Overseer) and *Hesakervmese* (Lifegiver) were one and the same - there was no difference. (Today most Creek people seem to think they are different.)

About a week after mom passed away, her two year old granddaughter, Connie Harjo, asked where her grandma was. We told her that grandma was on that "spirit road" - *puvfe'kcv*

nenne.

We've been taught that road leads to the Milky Way, known as the "backbone of the world". Our family knows that is where her spirit is now, along with other Muscogee people who have gone on before her.

We are proud of the things our mother stood for and the things she taught us. We are grateful she took time out to tell us of these ancient things. These things help give us our identity.

In closing, we want to express our gratitude to our relatives, the Cussetah people and other friends who helped us and stood by us in these difficult times.

Mvto,
The Coser Family

NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES- NOV. 5

November 5, 1988 Special Session

INVOCATION: Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Childers, Speaker, National Council

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken, with the Speaker declaring a quorum of eighteen present and seven absent. Those absent were: George Almerigi, Okmulgee; Roy Bear, Creek; Larry Bible, Tulsa; Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee; Jerry Wilson, Tulsa; Johnson Buck, Hughes; Robert Buck, Hughes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Swearing in ceremony of new Council Member, Mr. Bill Fife, Okfuskee District, by the Honorable Pat Moore, District Court Judge of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Special Session of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Mr. Fife was counted as present at this time. Nineteen present.

1. Old Business: The Chair entertained a motion. Motion by Leah Stacy and seconded by Chupco to postpone veto message of the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-73 to the National Council with objections.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being eighteen (18) in favor, none against and no abstentions.

Motion carried. Messages from the Chief will be postponed.

101- A bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing a Facility Use Agreement Between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Eufaula Indian Community. The The Bill was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. The National Council finds that a need exists to establish a facility use agreement between the Eufaula Indian Community and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. National Council authority to establish such an agreement is found at Article VI, section 7(c) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 102. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to enter into the following Facility Use Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Eufaula Indian Community.

Section 103. This agreement entered into this first day of November 1988, between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (hereinafter referred to as the Nation) and the Eufaula Indian Community, a chartered community of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, (hereinafter referred to as the Community).

A. The United States government holds title to that certain property, described below, in trust for benefit of the Nation.

B. The Community desires the use of that certain property, belonging or held in trust for the benefit of the Nation, for certain purposes as stated below.

C. It is necessary that the Nation be assured that all of its properties are used and managed responsibly by the Community for Community purposes.

E. Facilities shall mean the property that is the subject of this agreement. The legal description of the property is: The Old Eufaula Dormitory Site, which is more commonly known as 800 Forrest Street, Eufaula, Oklahoma.

F. The Community shall use the facilities for the following purposes:

1. Community meetings and social activities.
2. Community operated business or economic activities described as follows: bingo, concession, smoke shop, rental of facilities

G. The Community shall be responsible for payment of all utility bills and costs of fire insurance on the facilities and liability insurance on activities occurring upon or within the facilities. The amount of fire and casualty insurance coverage shall be \$100,000. The amount of liability insurance shall be \$500,000.

H. The Community shall be responsible for normal repair and maintenance of the facilities, fixtures and equipment located thereon that may become necessary.

I. The Community shall pay to the Nation as rents for the facilities as follows: a portion of the revenues to profits received by the Community through its activities. This portion is agreed as follows: net profit - 50 percent Nation, 50 percent Community, excluding tobacco sales.

J. The Nation shall have the right to inspect the facilities for compliance with this agreement and any other governmental requirements that must be met. The Nation shall exercise this right through an officer or agent appointed by the Principal Chief.

K. The Nation shall have the right to inspect the minutes, books and records of the

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Community regarding all its activities. Such to be done by an officer or agent appointed by the Principal Chief.

L. The Community failure to comply with the items of this agreement shall be cause to terminate this agreement.

M. The Community/Management agrees to adhere to all applicable rules and regulations pursuant to NCA 84-04, as amended and to provisions of NCA 86-08.

N. Net profit as referred to in (I) shall be defined as follows: profits after deduction of all expenses.

O. This will affect, Bristow and Checotah Community Bingo and Feed Store.

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion by Ed Frye, Creek and seconded by Clarence Cloud, Creek, to amend the bill by deleting Section 103, paragraph O.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being eighteen (18) in favor, none against and no abstentions.

Motion carried. Section 103 (O) deleted.

Motion made by Frank Kamp, McIntosh and seconded by Donna Rhodes, Tulsa, to amend Section 103 (F) to delete smokeshop. Kamp withdrew motion.

Motion made by Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee and seconded by Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa, to send the bill back to committee.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: two (2) in favor, fifteen (15) against and one abstention. Those voting against were: Berryhill, Okmulgee; Bill Burden, Okfuskee; Cloud, Creek; Jonas Dunson, Hughes; Gilroy, Okmulgee; Harley Little, Muskogee; Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh; Tommy Newton, McIntosh; Frye, Creek; Stacy, Okmulgee; Alexander Thomas, Wagoner/Mays; Barton Williams, Okmulgee; Kamp; McIntosh, Bill Fife, Okfuskee; Mickey Primeaux, Wagoner/Mays. Abstaining was Rhodes, Tulsa.

Motion failed.

A motion was made by Little, Muskogee and second by Williams, Okmulgee to approve the bill as amended.

Upon a motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen (15) in favor, two (2) against and one abstention.

Those opposed were: Gilroy, Okmulgee; Primeaux, Wagoner/Mays. Abstaining was Cleghorn, Tulsa.

Motion carried. Bill was approved as amended and shall be recorded as such.

10N- A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Providing Authorization and Programming of Tribal Bingo Revenues to Implement a Tribal Energy Assistance Program for Creek Tribal Citizens

Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that:

A. Federal funds are available to assist low income Indian households obtain utility assistance in FY-89.

B. Priority for participation in the federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is extended to Indians age sixty (60) years of age and over who qualify under the guidelines.

C. Federal LIHEAP Appropriations are limited, therefore, the number of households benefitting from this program is limited.

D. A Tribal Energy Assistance Program is needed in order to assist Creek Tribal Citizens with their utility costs.

E. Tribal Bingo Revenues are available to support a Tribal Energy Assistance Program

Section 102. The National Council authorizes the appropriation of Bingo Revenues to finance a Tribal Energy Assistance Program as follows:

A. Tribal Energy Assistance Program - 334 Households at \$150 per household. Total \$50,100

Section 103. Eligibility

A. The eligibility requirements for participation in the Tribal Energy Assistance Program is as follows:

1. Verification of Tribal Enrollment (Citizenship Card)

2. Enrolled Creek citizens who are fifty (50) years of age or older, priorities given to enrolled citizens sixty years and older.

3. One time grant available to those citizens who have not received utility assistance during FY-89 from a Tribal, Federal, and/or state agency.

4. Persons must complete and sign an application form and provide necessary verification of information to the administering office.

Section 104. Administration

A. Administration of the Tribal Energy Assistance Program will be the responsibility of Creek Nation Social Services Administration within the Division of Community Services.

B. The following will be used as a basis to determine and establish allotments per district and to promote the program at the community level.

1. The utilization of Creek Nation Citizenship figures in the formulation and breakdown of allotments per district.

2. A schedule of District Field Days will be developed and posted at tribal facilities throughout the Creek Nation service delivery area. The following information will be included in this announcement: dates, times and locations where application intake will be administered; income eligibility guidelines; necessary information families will need to present when applying for the program.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

Motion made by Frye, Creek and seconded Burden, Okfuskee to amend the bill by adding to paragraph B in Section 104 "and Community".

Burden withdrew his second and the motion died for lack of a second.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being eighteen in favor, none against and no abstentions.

Motion carried. The Bill was approved and shall be recorded as such.

10O- A bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation establishing the administrative Procedure Act

Section 101. Findings. The Citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are entitled to know of all Official Tribal Actions taken which will have an effect on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Muskogee (Creek) Nation Citizens.

Section 102. Tribal Meetings Public:

A. All meetings of a Legislative body, or of an Administrative body, Board, Commission, Committee, Subcommittee, Authority, or any of its political subdivisions, including but not limited to chartered Indian Communities, and all other boards, agencies, assemblies, councils, departments, commissions or organizations, advisory or

otherwise, of the Creek Nation, Districts or Communities supported in whole or part by Tribal Monies or authorized to spend Tribal Monies, are open to Creek Citizens except for as otherwise provided by this section. The vote shall be taken in such a manner that Creek Citizens may know the vote of each person entitled to vote.

B. If excepted subjects are to be discussed at a meeting or session, the meeting or session must first be convened as a Public Meeting and the question of holding an Executive session to discuss matters that come within the exceptions contained in (C) of this section shall be determined by a majority vote of the body. no subjects may be considered at the Executive session except those mentioned in the main motion for the Executive session unless auxiliary to the main question. No action may be taken at the Executive session.

C. The following excepted subjects may be discussed in Executive session:

1. Matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse

1. Matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government unit.

2. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided, the person may request a public discussion.

3. Matters, which by law, Community Charter, or Ordinance are required to be kept confidential.

D. This section does not apply to:

1. Judicial or quasi-judicial bodies when holding a meeting solely to make a decision in an Adjudicatory proceeding.

2. Juries.

3. Meetings of a Hospital Medical Staff.

4. Meetings of the Governing body or any Committee of a Hospital when meeting solely to act upon matters of professional qualifications, privileges or discipline.

E. Reasonable public notice shall be given for all meetings required to be open under this section.

F. Action taken contrary to this section is void.

The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion.

Motion made by Frye seconded by Gilroy to approve as read.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eighteen (18) in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

Motion carried. Bill was approved and will be recorded as such.

FACT FINDING COMMITTEE report was added to the agenda and given by committee chairman Frank Kamp, McIntosh. A Resolution was also added to the agenda with no objections by the Council.

A Resolution of the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Surplus Property Sales.

The Resolution was read and considered as follows:

WHEREAS, the beef herd of the Muscogee Nation was, without National Council knowledge or approval, disposed of during 1985, and

WHEREAS, in 1988 and previous years, a sale of "surplus tribal property" has been without National Council certification that the property was "surplus", and

WHEREAS, the June 1988 issue of the Muscogee Nation News states that the sale of "surplus property" was in accordance with NCA 83-17, and

WHEREAS, NCA 83-17 at Section 102 states, All tribal property, whether supplies, equipment, farm animals, or other chattels, prior to its disposal or sale, shall be certified by the Program Supervisor and Governing Body to the surplus to the needs of the

program the property is assigned to. The certification shall be initiated by the Program Supervisor, and shall be approved by the Manager of General Services Administration, the Executive Director, and that all property must be declared by the Principal Chief to be surplus to the needs of the tribe, and

WHEREAS, the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation FINDS that it is the GOVERNING BODY, and

WHEREAS, the National Council (Governing Body) has not declared any tribal property or farm animals (Creek Nation Beef Herd) to be surplus,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Speaker of the National Council is hereby authorized, and shall file Criminal Charges against Officers, Directors and Managers of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation who were involved in the sale of tribal property, without

said property being certified as surplus by the National Council.

Said charges shall be filed in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Resolution having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

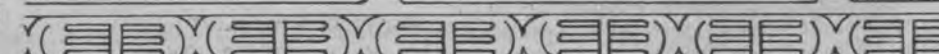
Motion made by Kamp, McIntosh, and seconded by McIntosh, McIntosh, to adopt the Resolution as a Committee of the Whole.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: sixteen (16) in favor, two (2) against and no abstentions.

Those opposed were: Helen Chupco, Muskogee; Gilroy, Okmulgee.

Motion carried. The Resolution was approved and shall be recorded as such.

ADJOURNMENT.



Creek Wrestler Continues to Excel at Sport-

John Richburg, All-American wrestler, a student at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, and Sulphur, Oklahoma High School graduate, is anchor of the Adams State lineup. He was Adams State top finisher in last year's NAIA meet and took fourth place. At 272 pounds, he is the College's biggest wrestler. The Adams State team finished in three world championships in

West Germany, Switzerland and Canada and 12th in the NAIA national meet last year.

John, the son of David and Ruby Richburg of Sulphur and grandson of the late Charley and Annie Tiger of Wetumka, is majoring at Adams in Sociology with emphasis in Criminal Justice and Criminology. He hopes to work for the federal government.



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INVOCATION: Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee District Representative

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Childers, Speaker, National Council

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken with the Speaker declaring a quorum of twenty (20) present and six absent. Those absent for roll call were: Larry Bible, Tulsa District; Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee District; Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District; Frank Kamp, McIntosh District; Johnson Buck, Hughes District; Robert Buck, Hughes District.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Old Business: The Chair entertained a motion and made suggestion to postpone veto messages until the next Regular Session of the National Council.

Motion to postpone veto messages made by Leah Stacy, Okmulgee, seconded by Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh.

George Almerigi, Okmulgee, asked for the messages to be read.

A message from the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-73 to the National Council with objections.

October 18, 1988 - I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 88-73 entitled "Authorizing the Removal of Elected Officials and Employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation" to the National Council with the following objections:

Objection One: The legislation is vague and does not establish procedures to protect the rights of those affected.

Procedures have been established which outline the process of removal for elected officials. Further, policy and procedures are also in effect for disciplinary action against employees. Since alleged violations of the Constitution and Ordinances are subject to interpretation and consequently differences of opinion, NCA 88-73 is vague and does not establish procedures to protect the rights of those affected.

Recommendation: No further action is needed. Therefore, NCA 88-73 is returned as a veto by this office. (s) Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief

2. A message of the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-93 to the National Council with objections.

I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 88-93 entitled "Establishing Policies and Procedures for Legislative Staff" to the National Council with the following objection:

Objection: The Constitution limits National Council Staff to the Position of Secretary.

The Tribal Constitution, under Article VI, section 5(b), limits the National Council staff to the position of Secretary and states that the National Council shall, "choose its own Secretary whose compensation shall be provided by ordinance." The Constitution does not authorize the Legislative Branch to create and organize offices as can Executive Branch under Article V, section 2.

Recommendation: No further action is recommended. (s) Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief

3. A message of the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-94 to the National Council with objections.

As, Principal Chief, I Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 88-94 entitled "Appropriating Funds for the Construction of a Community Center for the use of the Yardeka Community" to the National Council with objections:

Objection One: There is a lack of community support.

This office currently has no documentation that the Yardeka Indian Community has met and officially taken action to support the project.

Objection Two: There is no documentation of a community plan for the facility.

This office currently does not have a plan for the community which addresses facility use, potential economic projects and how operational costs will be covered once start up funds have been depleted.

Recommendation: This office recommends that the tribal government work with the community to develop the required documentation.

Therefore, NCA 88-94 is returned as a veto. (s) Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being seventeen (17) in favor, two (2) against and no abstentions. Those opposed were Tommy Newton, McIntosh and Donna Rhodes, Tulsa.

Motion carried. The veto messages will be reconsidered at a later meeting.

12A- An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 82-48

Authority: Authority for this ordinance as amended, is found at Article VI, section 7 (d) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which is as follows: *To authorize and make appropriations from available funds for tribal purposes. All expenditures of tribal funds shall be a matter of public record open to all citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at all reasonable times.*

Section 100. NCA 82-48 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 101. The National Council finds that it is necessary for the members of the National Council to have complete information concerning salaries, wages and any other compensation paid to all elected, or appointed officers, and employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in order to properly consider budgets and proposals submitted to the National Council.

Section 102. Within ten (10) days of the date of this ordinance and on July 31 each year thereafter, the Principal Chief shall submit to the National Council the following information.

A. A list of all tribal positions and the names, grade and step level of persons in those positions. Such list shall be published in the *Muscogee Nation News*.

B. A list of tribal positions, and the compensation being paid for these positions. This shall include salaries, wages, stipends or any other compensation that is paid to any person under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained motions. Motion to adopt made by Bill Burden, Okfuskee, and seconded by Mickey Primeaux, Wagoner/Rogers.

Harley Little, Muskogee, made a motion to amend second sentence of the second paragraph in section 100 **Authority** to read: "All expenditures of federal and tribal funds shall be a matter of public record open to all citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at all reasonable times." Second by Barton Williams, Okmulgee.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being nineteen (19) in favor, none against, no abstentions.

Motion carried. Bill is amended.

Roll call vote was taken to approve bill as amended. Results being eighteen (18) in

favor, none against and one abstention. Abstaining was Helen Chupco, Muskogee. Little moved to rescind approval of this bill. Second by George Almerigi, Okmulgee. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being nineteen (19) in favor, none against and no abstentions.

Motion carried. Bill was rescinded.

The Bill returned to the floor. Ed Frye, Creek, moved to approve, second by Primeaux. No action taken.

Little moved to amend bill by adding **Section 103** to read: "Tribal positions shall include all employees and officers regardless of funding sources."

No action taken.

McIntosh moved to send the bill back to committee for further investigation. Second by Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being twelve (12) in favor, seven (7) opposed and no abstentions.

Those opposed were: Roy Bear, Creek; Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa; Jonas Dunson, Hughes; Frye, Creek; Stacy, Okmulgee; Alexander Thomas, Wagoner/Rogers; Williams, Okmulgee.

Motion carried. Bill was returned to committee for further investigation.

12B - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing the office of the Attorney General within the Government Structure of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Section 101. Findings: There is a need to define the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Justice.

Section 102. A. There is hereby established the Office of the Attorney General within the Governmental Structure of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the head of which shall be the Attorney General, appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council for an indefinite term, and removable by the Principal Chief subject to the approval of the National Council.

B. The Attorney General shall be considered an appointed office of the Tribe and shall be required to take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 103. Powers and Duties

The duties of the Attorney General as the Chief Law Officer of the Tribe shall:

A. To appear for the Tribe and prosecute and defend all actions and proceedings civil or criminal, in the District and Supreme Court and/or in which the tribe is an interested party.

B. To appear at the request of the Chief, the Legislature, or either branch thereof, and prosecute and defend in any court or before any commission, board or officers and cause or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which the Tribe may be a party or interested; and when so appearing in any such case or proceeding, he may, if he deems it advisable and to the best interest of the Tribe take and assume control of the prosecution or defense of the Tribe's interest therein.

C. To consult with and advise officers when requested by them, in all matters pertaining to the duties of their offices, when said officers shall furnish the Attorney General with a written opinion supported by citation of authorities upon the matter submitted.

D. To give his opinion in writing upon all questions of law submitted to him by the Legislature, or by any officer, board, commission or department, provided, that the Attorney General shall not furnish opinions to any but tribal attorneys, the Legislature, or any other tribal official, board, commission or department, and to them only upon matters in which they are officially interested.

E. At the request of the Chief, Tribal Auditor and Inspector, Tribal Treasurer, or the Legislature, to prosecute any official bond or any contract in which the Tribe is interested, upon a breach thereof, and to prosecute or defend for the Tribe all actions, civil or criminal, relating to any matter connected with either of their departments.

F. Whenever requested by any Tribal officer, board or commission, to prepare proper drafts for contracts, forms and other writings which may be wanted for the use of the Tribe.

G. To prepare drafts of bills and resolutions for individual members of the Legislature upon their written request stating the gist of the bill or resolution desired.

H. To enforce the proper application of monies appropriated by the Legislature and to prosecute breaches of trust in the administration of such funds.

I. To institute actions to recover Tribal monies illegally expended, to recover Tribal property and to prevent the illegal use of any Tribal property, upon the request of the Chief or the Legislature.

J. To pay into the Tribal Treasury, immediately upon its receipt, all monies received by him belonging to the Tribe.

K. To keep and file copies of all opinions, contracts, forms and letters of the office, and to keep an index of all opinions, contracts and forms according to subject and section of the law construed or applied.

L. To keep a register or docket of all actions, demands and investigations prosecuted, defended or conducted by him in behalf of the Tribe. Said register or docket shall give the style of the case or investigation, where pending, court number, officer number, the gist of the matter, result and the names of assistants who handled the matter.

M. To keep a complete office file of all cases and investigations handled by him on behalf of the Tribe.

N. To report to the Legislature whenever requested upon any business relating to the duties of his office.

O. To institute civil actions against members of any Tribal board or commission for failure of such members to perform their duties as prescribed by the ordinances and the Constitution and to prosecute members of any Tribal board or commission for violation of the criminal laws of this Tribe where such violations have occurred in connection with the performance of such members' official duties.

P. To respond to any request for an opinion of his office, submitted by a member of the Legislature, regardless of subject matter, by written opinion determinative of the law regarding such subject matter.

Q. To convene special grand juries in such manner and for such purposes as provided by law; provided such grand juries are composed of citizens from each of the districts on

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a pro rata basis by district.

R. To investigate any report by the Tribal Auditor and Inspector filed with him pursuant to ordinances of this Tribe and prosecute all actions, civil or criminal, relating to such reports or any irregularities or derelictions in the management of public funds or property which are violations of the laws of this Tribe.

Section 104. Opinions of the Attorney General - Publication and distribution - Surplus publication - Attorney General's Revolving Fund

A. The Attorney General shall annually publish all of the written opinions which he promulgates in connection with the interpretation of the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. One copy of the bound volume shall be provided to each member of the Legislature, the Principal Chief, and members of the Judicial branch.

B. The Attorney General is hereby authorized to sell any surplus bound volumes and requested individual copies of opinions to help cover the cost of the publication, postal charges and other necessary expenses and proceeds of such sales shall be deposited into the fund herein established.

C. There is hereby created in the Tribal Treasury a revolving fund for the Attorney General, to be designated to the Attorney General's Revolving Fund. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received from the sale of copies of surplus bound volumes and requested individual copies of opinions and such other monies as are provided for by law. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the Tribal Treasury against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of Finance for approval and payment.

Section 105. Tribal Officer or Employee - Legal Defense Services

A. In the event an action is brought against an employee, who for the purposes of this act shall be an elected or appointed Tribal officer or employee of any Tribal office, institution, agency, board or commission of any branch of Tribal government in any civil action or special proceeding in the courts of this Tribe, or of the United States, by reason of any act done or omitted in good faith in the course of his employment, it is the duty of the Attorney General or staff attorney of such person's agency where the agency is authorized by to be represented in his behalf. Such written request shall be made within fifteen (15) days after service of summons on the employee and a copy of the request shall be transmitted by the employee and a copy of the request shall be transmitted by the employee to the head of his agency and the Attorney General.

B. The Attorney General or a designated legal officer shall not represent a Tribal employee if that employee did not perform a statutorily required duty and such duty is a basis of the civil action or special proceeding.

C. The Attorney General may direct an appropriate legal officer including a staff attorney of an agency authorized by law to be represented in court by a member of its own permanent legal staff to appear and defend such action. The Attorney may intervene in any such action or proceeding and appear on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, or any of its officers or employees, where he deems the Tribe to have an interest in the subject matter of the litigation.

D. The Attorney General shall determine the method of preparation and presentation of such defense. The Attorney General or other legal officer under his direction shall not be held civilly liable for the exercise of such discretion.

E. The employee named in the action may employ private counsel at his own expense to assist in his defense.

F. Any officer or employee who acts outside the scope of his official authority shall be liable in damages in the same manner as any private citizen.

G. When an original action seeking either a writ of mandamus or prohibition against a Tribal judge, the Attorney General shall represent such judicial officer, if, and only if, directed to do so, in writing, by the Chief Justice of the Tribal Supreme Court, upon protect either the function or integrity of the judiciary. Such finding by the Chief Justice shall be final and binding.

Section 106. Qualifications

The position of the Attorney General shall be filled with a person who is a member in good standing with the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association, with preferences given to those citizens of the Creek Nation first, and second preference to others of Indian descent and knowledgeable of Tribal Judicial Systems.

Section 107. Policy

The position of the Attorney General shall be a contractual position subject to approval of the Principal Chief, the National Council and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Section 108. Budget Request

The Attorney General shall prepare a timely budget request and recommendation be submitted to the Principal Chief, who shall in turn complete a budget review, identify appropriate funding resources, make necessary modifications, and submit an appropriations Bill to the National Council for their review, modifications and/or approval.

The appropriations bill shall include a detailed line item budget utilizing the following format:

Office of the Attorney General - Use of funds: personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, construction, other, indirect costs, total costs.

Source of funds: sources, amounts

Beginning and Ending Fiscal Year

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to approve.

Motion to approve by Stacy, seconded by Dunson.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being eight in favor, eleven against, no abstentions.

Those opposed were: Chupco; Cleghorn; Clarence Cloud, Creek; Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee; Little; McIntosh; Newton; Rhodes; Thomas; Williams; Primeaux.

Motion failed.

12C - A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing, Programming and Appropriating, Fiscal Year 1989 Tribal Funds for Scholarships to Tribal Citizens and Establishing Guidelines

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. Higher Education and Vocational training of tribal citizens are priorities of the tribal government.

B. The FY-89 Tribal Budget, NCA 88-46, Section 101(i), (e), has allocated \$136,875 for the Higher Education Program.

C. Further, the FY-89 Tribal Budget, NCA 88-46, Section 101(IV)(a), has allocated \$180,062, for "Education Scholarships Assistance" which will assist exceptional students.

Section 102. The National Council hereby appropriates the funds allocated for Higher Education and Education Scholarships and authorizes the Principal Chief to expend said funds as programmed.

Section 103. The Higher Education Program FY-89 shall be programmed for expenditures as follows:

scholarships - colleges and universities.....\$101,500

scholarships - vo-technical.....\$34,000

office supplies.....\$1,375

Total Budget: \$136,875

Section 104. The Education Scholarship Assistance (Incentive Grant) Program FY-89 shall be programmed for expenditures as follows:

scholarships.....\$179,300

office supplies.....\$762

Total budget: \$180,062

Section 105. The National Council hereby establishes the FY-89 guidelines for both the "Higher Education" and Education-Scholarships Assistance (Incentive Grant) Programs.

A. Higher Education-Scholarships Colleges/Universities

1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

2. The student must provide a valid Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood card.

3. The student must be accepted by an approved college or university.

4. The student must provide a recent photograph.

5. The student must complete an original application and write a letter as to the educational plan for which the award will be used.

6. The student must enroll and notify the business/registrar's office as to their being full-time (15 credit hours or more) or part-time (less than 15 credit hours).

7. Full-time students will be awarded \$200.00 per semester/quarter. Part-time student awards will be \$100.00. Total amount of awards may not exceed \$400.00 per academic year for full-time students and \$200.00 per academic year for part-time students.

8. After verification of the students enrollment status, awards will be mailed to students home address.

9. the student must furnish grades at the end of each term.

10. The student must maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. to remain eligible for the program. (Students with a term G.P.A. below 2.5 and at least 1.5 G.P.A. will be placed on academic probation. Those below 1.5 G.P.A. for the term and those withdrawing without a valid medical reason shall be suspended at the end of the term).

11. The awards may be used to supplement those that are receiving aid from another source.

12. Funding will be limited to eight (8) semesters.

B. Higher Education Scholarships - Vo-technical

1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

2. The student must provide a valid Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood card.

3. The student must be accepted by an accredited vocational school or program.

4. The student must provide a recent photograph.

5. The student must complete an original application and write an education plan of vocational intent for which the award will be used.

6. The student must enroll and notify the business/registrar's office as to their being full-time (15 credit hours or more) or part-time (less than 15 credit hours).

7. Full-time vocational students will be awarded \$200.00 per semester/trimester. Part-time student awards will be \$100.00. Total amount of awards may not exceed \$400.00 per academic year for full-time students and \$200. per academic year for part-time students.

8. After verification of the students enrollment status, awards will be mailed to students home address.

9. The students must furnish grades at the end of each term.

10. The student must maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. to remain eligible for the program. (Students with a term G.P.A. below 2.5 and at least 1.5 G.P.A. will be placed on academic probation. Those below 1.5 G.P.A. for the term and those withdrawing without a valid medical reason shall be suspended at the end of the term).

11. The awards may be used to supplement those that are receiving aid from another source.

12. For the purpose of vocational training, only one vocation will be funded per person.

C. Education scholarship assistance (Incentive Grant) program

1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and prove it with a tribal enrollment card.

2. The applicant (student) must provide a valid Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood card.

3. The student must provide a recent photograph.

4. The student must complete an original application and write a letter as to the educational plan for which the award will be used.

5. Only students attending an accredited college/university or vocational school may apply to be considered for funding under the incentive Grant Program.

6. The status of the student, as to their being full-time or part-time will be decided by the college's/school's official policy.

7. The student must make arrangements with the schools registrar's office to have an official transcript sent to the Higher Education Office, which shows the terms grades and G.P.A. for which the Incentive Grant is sought.

8. Full-time student awards will be \$300.00 per semester/quarter. Part-time student awards will be \$150.00 per semester/quarter. Total amount of awards may not exceed \$600.00 per academic year for full-time students and \$300.00 per academic year for part-time students.

9. Only those students with term G.P.A. of 3.0 or better of college work may apply to be considered for funding under Incentive Grant Program.



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10. After official verification of the student semester enrollment status and G.P.A., awards will be mailed to the students home address.

11. The limit on these funds under the program will be limited to 8 semesters or the required semester for the course requirements.

12. The awards may supplement those received from another source.

13. All awards are based upon availability of funds at the time official verification of conformance is received.

Section 106. This change will go into effect, Fall Semester of 1989.

Section 107. Deadline for applications as follows:

June 15, 1989 for Fall semester, November 15, 1989 for Spring Semester

Section 108. The Higher Education Scholarship Officers will visit twenty area high schools in order to disseminate program information as office schedule permits, before September 30, 1989.

The bill having read, the Chair entertained a motion by Almerigi to change 15 credit hours to 14 credit hours. Second by Williams.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, six against and no abstension.

Those opposed were: Roy Bear, Creek; Cleghorn; Dunson; Little; Rhodes; Stacy.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chupco to return to committee. Gilroy seconds.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being, eighteen (18) in favor, one against and no asbtensions.

Those opposed: Cleghorn

Motion carried. Bill was returned to committee.

12D- A bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Providing Fringe Benefits to Members of the National Council

Postponed during Pre-session agenda review.

12E- A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Funding for the Hanna Indian Community

Section 101. Findings:

A. The National Council finds that the Hanna Indian Community is a chartered community of the Nation.

B. Providing funding for the purpose of purchasing two (2) chainsaws for the Hanna Indian Community would benefit the Community Organization and the Muscogee citizens of the Community.

Section 102. The sum of \$500.00 is hereby appropriated from the Bingo Revenue Account for the purpose described in Section 102(a)(b).

Section 103. These funds shall be made available to the Chairperson of the Community upon the approval of this ordinance by the Principal Chief.

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

Motion to approve by Almerigi, second by Stacy.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being nineteen (19) in favor, none against and no abstensions.

Motion carried. Bill will be recorded as such.

12F- An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Tax Revenue Monies for a Supplemental Budget for the Citizenship Board for FY-89

Section 101. The National Council finds that:

A. A need exists to supplement the budget of the Citizenship Board

B. That tax revenue monies are available for this need

Section 102. The National Council hereby appropriates monies from the Tax Revenues to supplement the budget for the Citizenship Board for FY 89 as follows:

Personnel: assistant clerk, \$10,500.00; fringe at 30.5 percent, \$3,203.00

Operating Expenses: \$8,200

Total: \$21,903.00

Section 103. Any unexpended funds will be returned to Tax Revenue monies Account.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained motions.

Motion to approve made by Stacy, seconded by Dunson.

Upon a motion having been duly made a roll call vote was taken with the results being: six (6) in favor; thirteen (13) against; no abstensions.

Those opposed were: Bear; Berryhill; Burden; Cleghorn; Cloud; Little; McIntosh; Newton; Rhodes; Thomas; Williams; Bill Fife, Okfuskee; Primeaux.

Motion failed.

12G- A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing the Compensation of the Secretary of the National Council

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that according to Article VI, Section 5(b) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; "The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, shall choose its own secretary whose compensation shall be provided by Ordinance."

Section 102. Repeal. NCA 85-02 and NCA 87-82 are hereby repealed.

Section 103. Compensation. The position of the secretary of the National Council shall be classified in the Personnel Policy guidelines of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as a salaried position, Grade 9, Step 1.

The salary of the secretary shall be paid from tribal funds or other available funds.

The salary increase of the secretary of the National Council is hereby established according to the "Salary and Wage Schedule" of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The criteria for step increases as follows:

No Increase - Non-meritous performance

One step - Satisfactory Performance

Two step - Excellent Performance

Three Step - Superior Performance

The salary of the secretary of the National Council shall be automatically increased whenever the salaries of the employees of the Office of the Principal Chief are adjusted for "Cost of Living" adjustments.

Section 104. Evaluation. The Speaker of the National Council may appoint a tribal management employee to administer the Secretary of the National Council in performance of work and office duties. The Secretary shall be responsible to the Speaker, and to the National Council collectively.

The Speaker of the National Council shall, annually, evaluate the performance of the Secretary of the National Council, and may recommend a salary increase which shall be consistent with the Personnel Policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. Almerigi moves to amend;

deleting first paragraph of Section 104. Williams seconds.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: nineteen (19) in favor, none against and no abstensions.

Motion carried. Bill is amended.

Motion to approve bill as amended made by Dunson second by Chupco.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: nineteen (19) in favor, none opposed, no abstensions.

Motion carried. Bill approved.

12H- A bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation prohibiting Officers and Employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation from entering contracts or doing business with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, or any entity of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. The Office of Tax Commission was established by Ordinance and has successfully fulfilled the regulatory functions of that office.

B. The present/future status of the Office of the Tax Commission is uncertain, pending possible separation of the Gaming Commission and the Tax Commission.

C. The uncertainty concerning the Office of the Tax Commission has resulted in no funding for the Tax Commission for FY 89, putting the office in a fiscal/operational quandry.

D. The Office of the Tax Commission has been responsible for tax collections to the Creek Nation in excess of \$435,000, including approximately \$208,000.00 collected during FY 88.

E. It is in the best interest of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to appropriate funds for the continued, full operation of the Office of the Tax Commission, pending possible separation from the Gaming Commission.

Section 102. The National Council hereby appropriates Tax Revenues for the operation of the Tax Commission from November 1988 thru April 1989.

Salaries: \$1,697.00

Fringe: \$518.00

Operating Expenses: \$7,675.00

Total: \$9,890.00

Section 103. The Office of the Tax Commission may, with the approval of the Principal Chief, modify the budgeted amounts within the limits of the approved appropriation.

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

Motion to approve made by Frye, seconded by Dunson.

Motion to amend by deleting Section 102, Salaries and Fringe Benefits. The motion was made by Williams, seconded by Stacy.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being eight (8) in favor; eleven (11) against and no abstensions.

Those opposed were: Almerigi; Bear; Chupco; Cloud; Dunson; Gilroy; Little; McIntosh; Frye; Rhodes; Thomas.

Motion to amend failed.

Upon a motion to approve by Frye and seconded by Dunson, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: six (6) in favor; thirteen (13) against, no abstensions.

Those opposed were: Berryhill; Cleghorn; Cloud; Little; McIntosh; Newton; Rhodes; Stacy; Thomas; Williams; Fife; Primeaux.

Motion failed.

12J- A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 81-82, The Election Code

Postponed during Pre-agenda session.

Other Business. None

Meeting Adjourned.

Careers in Biomedical Science is Topic of Symposium April 23-25 in Phoenix-

A national symposium will be held on careers in Biomedical Science, "Exploring Tomorrow's Frontiers," April 23-25 in Phoenix, Arizona. The workshop is sponsored by two federal health agencies, the National Institute of Health and the Indian Health Service.

The meeting will feature presentations by federal scientists and administrators, Native American health professionals and research patients, with participation by industry and academia. The meeting is open to all students, teachers, academic advisors and counselors, and other interested persons. A limited number of grants for student travel are available. For more information, contact Kathleen Schilbach or Mark Brown at (301) 986-4886.

Morning Star To Host Men's Open Basketball Tourney - March 16 - 18

Morning Star Ministries will be hosting their annual fund raising Basketball Tournament on Thursday, March 16 through Saturday, March 18. The Tournament will again be held at the Morris High School Gym.

The \$85.00 entry fee is due by March 10. Fees can be mailed to Morning Star Ministries, P.O. Box 97, Bixby, OK. 74008.

The tournament is limited to 12 teams. First, second and third team trophies and first and second individual trophies will be awarded. For more information contact: Jan, 918/366-7732, evenings.





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SENATOR DANIEL INOUE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE is shown with Principal Chief Claude Cox, left, and Gary Breshears, CN executive director, on Inouye's April 24th tour of the Creek tribal government. While in the state, the Senator toured, in addition to other Indian facilities, the Creek tribal complex, the Creek Nation Community Hospital, dental clinics, and the Tulsa and Okmulgee Bingo Halls. He and his staff were honored with a luncheon at the Okmulgee Bingo Hall which Senator Don Nickles and staff, tribal employees and citizens, and National Council representatives attended.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

Senator Daniel Inouye Tours Creek Nation Facilities

By Kathryn Bell

U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) toured the Creek Nation facilities April 24. Senator Inouye, Japanese-American, is the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and his itinerary at the Creek Nation included a visit to Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic, the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah and the Creek Nation Bingo Hall in Tulsa.

Senator Inouye explained his

mission and presence in the state- "We have decided in the Senate Select Committee to have a new spirit- a new attitude and we are going out into Indian Country to ask the leaders themselves what their concerns are for their people. That is why I have spent more time in Indian Country in the past two years than in my own state of Hawaii- but the needs and agenda of unfinished business in Indian Country is too great to set aside."

Citing Creek Nation as having a model health care delivery system, the Senator spoke generally about the tribal operations as well- "The Creek Nation happens to have one of the best tribal governments as evidenced by your seventh consecutive Certificate of Financial Conformance awards. My own state and the state of Oklahoma has not achieved this," he remarked.

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Ceremonial Grounds/ Churches Can Apply for Water and Sewer Assistance from Tribe-

Applications are now being accepted from Creek ceremonial grounds and churches within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries, for water and sewer assistance.

The Business and Governmental Services Committee of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is currently conducting a needs assessment to determine the number of churches and grounds that are in need of water and sewer services.

Only those churches and grounds that were **not serviced** when water and sewer service was available three years ago are eligible to apply. The Business and Governmental Services Committee will determine the amount of money needed to fund the project.

To make an application for the services, contact Steve Wilson, Division of Community Services at 756-8700, ext. 230, or write Wilson at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Deadline for receiving completed application is June 2,

Information on Leasing Fields & Arena Ready-

The Creek Nation Rodeo and Festival Executive Committee has prepared leasing arrangements for the use of the Creek Nation softball fields and rodeo arena at the Ominplex in Okmulgee. For more information contact Rick Wolfe at 756-8700 weekdays.

An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Granting Authority To and Adopting Policies & Procedures of the Festival Committee - NCA 89-52

Section 100. *Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled:*

Section 101. *Purpose: The purpose of this Act is to grant*

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CN Rodeo & Festival '89

OPENING CEREMONIES SET FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 16, 6:45 P.M. AT RODEO ARENA



CREEK NATION PRIDE!

This Year's 15th Annual CN Rodeo & Festival Theme is: "Tribal Awareness."

Thlopthlocco Enrollment Deadline Set May 12-

Enrollment applications will be taken for membership of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town through May 12 at the Thlopthlocco Center, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. through the week. To enroll, one should have a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), a birth certificate or other proof of birth such as baptismal records.



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Judge Moore Grants Continuance In Show Cause Hearing

Muscogee Nation District Court Judge Patrick Moore has granted a continuance in the National Council suit against Gary Breshears, Executive Director of the Creek Nation, and Preferred Management Corporation, administrators of the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

The motion for a continuance was filed by Breshears's attorney Gene Stipe, Oklahoma State Senator from McAlester on April 12. Stipe informed the Court that his presence was required in Atoka County on April 28 at a criminal trial.

A motion to dismiss was filed by Richard Campbell III, attorney for Preferred Mgmt., on April 12. Campbell contends that the Muscogee District Court is without jurisdiction and that the National Council is "not the real party in interest or otherwise lacks standing".

On April 27, Greg Stidham, attorney for the National Council filed a motion asking the Court for a default judgement against Breshears and Preferred. Stidham contends that there has been no response from the defendants and thus, have forfeited their right to a hearing.

The suit filed by the National Council asks the Court to declare the hospital contract for management null and void. The suit seeks removal of the management group and alleges a conflict of interest with Breshears and the Muscogee Nation.

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The Senator and his staff were honored with a Wild Onion Luncheon at the Creek Nation Bingo Hall in Okmulgee. Employees of the tribe, National Council representatives, Judicial branch representatives, tribal citizens and Senator Don Nickles and staff were in attendance.

During the luncheon, Margaret Thornburg, Creek citizen and longtime political activist, introduced the Senator, whom she has known and worked with for thirty years. "Senator Inouye is here to observe our tribal operation and make comment- we need to be told honestly what it takes to be progressive- a house divided cannot stand. We need to be unified and I hope you will carefully consider what he has to say, because we need to hear it."

The Senator told local television reporters that his trip to the state was "part of my promise that I made to Indian people- which none of my predecessors did. Most of the solutions to Indian

Canadian Indians Tour Creek Nation Tribal Operations-



-Photo by Elliot Barnett

PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX WAS PRESENTED a painting as a token of appreciation from Chief Dennis White Bear, Chairman of the West Region Tribal Council of Canadian Indians in Manitoba, Canada, on a recent tour of the Canadian Indians of the Creek tribal operations. White Bear, Chief of the Rolling River Band, and his group hoped to gather information about the tribal operation to take back and incorporate into their tribal government.

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problems are made in Washington, D.C.- but the best way is for these solutions to be made right here with the people themselves."

Senator Nickles called Inouye, a "friend to all Indian people and on behalf of the state, we are honored to have you here."

Inouye and staff were presented gifts from the Nation.

Editor's Correction to Second Speaker's April "Letter to the Editor"-

In the April issue of the Muscogee Nation News, Frank Kamp, Second Speaker for the National Council, submitted a "Letter to the Editor" which contained the following statement (in reference to the Creek Nation tribal budget)- "If the eight million dollar payroll and five hundred employees were averaged out, each employee would receive an annual income of \$40,000." This figure is not mathematically correct. The Muscogee Nation News nows stands to correct the error: the average of eight million dollar payroll and five hundred employees averages out to an annual employee income of \$16,000.

Editor

United Methodist Women
Present
2nd ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR
NE DISTRICT CENTER
May 20, 1989 - 9:30 a.m.
Food, Arts & Crafts,
Rummage Sale & Fellowship

Miss Indian Oklahoma Deadline is May 15-

The Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant will be held May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Skirvin Plaza Grand Ballroom in Oklahoma City. The deadline for the Pageant entry is May 15.

You must be a resident of Oklahoma, at least one-quarter Indian, 18-25 years old and have never been married or borne a child. For more information on qualifications, contact OFIW President Shirley Wapskineh, 515 SE 45th, Oklahoma City, OK 73129 or call 405-632-5227.

WILL (SONNY) SAMPSON RODEO

May 12-13
Sundown Arena
Henryetta, OK

Sapulpa Community Sets Meeting Agenda-

The Sapulpa Indian Community will have its meeting on Thursday, May 4, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Frank Hall of the Sapulpa Public Library. Those attending are asked to use the west entrance to the library basement. On the agenda will be a report on implementing Home Health Care services into the community. The community will also elect a secretary, vice-chairman and a Board member to fill existing vacancies.

"We invite all Creek District citizens to attend and get the right information," said Sapulpa Chairperson Ann Holder.



Creek Nation Bar Association Swearing-In...



NEW MEMBERS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION BAR ASSOCIATION were admitted at a special ceremony April 21 at the Mound Auditorium at the Tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee. The Bar Association also elected officers. Pictured from left to right are Principal Chief Claude Cox, Oklahoma State Senator Gene Stipe, director, Richard Campbell, director, Tribal Attorney Greg Bigler, secretary-treasurer, John Kerr, Mike Loeffler and Stephen Foster, Bar President. Seated from left to right, Mark Lyons, Tony Wayne Edwards, W.R. 'Bill' Burnham, vice president, and Mike Yeksavich.

-Photo by Jim Wolfe

May Court Docket

Editor's Note - The following dates set for District Court of the Muscogee Nation are subject to change.

Civil- May 5, 1989 10:00 a.m. - Open Hearings

Investigative and Fact Finding Committee vs. Steve Wilson - CV 89-02

Investigative and Fact Finding Committee vs. Etta Conner CV 89-03

Investigative and Fact Finding Committee vs. Claude Cox - CV 89-04

May 8, 1989 10:00 a.m. - Open Hearing

Patrick Bevenue vs. Ron Zigler, Claude Cox, Gary Brehears, Dale Lynn, Tony Lowe, Yahola Townsend and Mark Downing - CV 88-06 CV 88-09

May 8, 1989 11:00 a.m.
Patricia Campbell vs. Muscogee (Creek) Nation - CV 87-02

May 12, 1989
Juvenile Division - Closed

Chilocco Alumni Reunion Set June 9-11 in Tulsa-

The Chilocco Alumni will conduct its 105th Reunion June 9, 10 and 11 at the Marriot Hotel, 10918 East 41st Street, Tulsa.

This year's host is the Tulsa Chilocco Northeastern Chapter. Chilocco graduates, former students, and former Chilocco employees are cordially invited to attend.

If you are an alumni and did not receive reservation information, contact Emma Jean Falling (918) 266-1626 or Emily Bunny (918) 561-8723 for further information.

Muscogee Nation Bar Association Meets-

submitted by Greg Bigler, Tribal Attorney

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association organizational meeting took place in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on April 21, 1989, in the Mound Auditorium at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Capitol Complex.

Among the items on the agenda were, presenting of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation judicial system awards and certificates to past and present Justices and Judges. New bar members were also sworn in to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association.

Once the members were sworn in, additional items on the agenda took place such as: adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws; election of officers and directors and the appointment of committees. The results as follows: Bar President, Stephen Foster; vice president, W.R. "Bill" Burnham; secretary-treasurer, Gregory H. Bigler; directors, Greg Stidham, Gene Stipe and Richard Campbell, III. Legislative/By-Laws Committee members: Gregory Bigler; Gene Stipe; John Kerr. Social Committee: Tony Edwards; Mike Loeffler; Mike Yekasavich.

Upon adjournment of the Bar Association meeting, a reception was held at the Brittany Inn in Okmulgee.

AIS, Inc. Guidelines-

To apply for American Indian Scholarships (deadline June 1) send for an application immediately: American Indian Scholarships, Inc., 4520 Montgomery Blvd., NE Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

Letter From the Creek Supreme Court-

Dear Chief Cox:

In a Supreme Court meeting held March 23, 1989, the Justices discussed the pending appeal of CV 88-04 from the lower court, of which you are an appellant.

In that meeting, a decision was made and agreed upon by all Justices. The Supreme Court will not hear any appeals at this time due to the existing vacancies that remain on the Supreme Court.

We feel that this situation should be resolved as soon as possible. The Supreme Court is a constitutional body to govern constitutional issues. Therefore, we consider it a great disservice to our people for the Supreme Court to be in this state. We would like to encourage filling these vacancies with attorneys.

All the Justices concur with the above decision.

(s) Michael Flud, Willard Pitman, Clarence Douglas, Joe Johnson.

Response from Chief Cox to Supreme Court-

In response to the letter from the Supreme Court on the filling of existing vacancies on the Supreme Court- the Court still has a majority of members and can function as a court, however, I do understand that we need to fill the two vacancies that exist. I have submitted the names of Elliot Howe, well-known throughout Creek Nation and who served as a Justice on the Supreme Court for eight years; Stephen Foster, an attorney from Bristow, and a tribal member; Robert English, an

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attorney from Okmulgee, member of the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe and who represents our Housing Authority in legal matters, and these are all well-known outstanding citizens of the Creek Nation- they are fair, honest and capable. They have always supported the tribe and they have an interest in the Creek Nation.

The letter from the Supreme Court has indicated that they do not have a problem with the names I have submitted, but I feel the problem area is with the National Council who has not approved my nominations to fill the vacancies. It is not the fault of the Principal Chief but lies in the disapproval of the Council to approve the nominations without reason other than some are less than one quarter Creek blood quantum. Robert English and Stephen Foster are less than a quarter Creek, but the Constitution states they don't have to be one-quarter blood quantum.

Joe Johnson and Willard Pitman were approved, however, and they are less than one-quarter. Elliot Howe is more than one-quarter blood quantum.

It has been determined by the court that enrolled Creek tribal members can serve on the district or Supreme Court and be less than a quarter Creek.

In closing, I have submitted names in the past to fill vacancies on several independent boards and the National Council would not confirm these names either.

Thank You,
Chief Claude Cox

-OFFICE OF JUSTICE-

TO: Executive
Legislative
Judicial Branches
FROM: Office of Justice
DATE: April 17

I have received word on Monday morning, April 17 from Samuel Winder of Reid Chambers firm that the United States Supreme Court denied certiorari on **Oklahoma vs. Brooks**. They denied Brooks without comment. The denial means Creek Nation achieved its goal and the state lost. The decision strengthens Creek Nation's position that restricted allotments retain Indian Country status.

Congratulations and thank you for having the resolve to defend Creek sovereignty.

Gregory Bigler,
General Counsel



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CN Legislative Overview

by Jim Wolfe

Clarification

At the March 25 Regular Session of the National Council, the Council voted to override an executive veto of NCA 89-27 with the results being twenty two (22) in favor and one (1) abstention. The action overriding the veto of the Wetumka field lighting project was omitted in this space in the April issue.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved several appropriations bills and voted to override three of the Principal Chief's four vetos at the Regular Session of the Council held April 29, 1989 at the Mound Auditorium in Okmulgee.

Among the veto overrides, two were of bills that will have an affect on the upcoming tribal elections in October.

NCA 89-40 and NCA 89-41, are amendments to the tribal election codes.

As reported in this space last month, NCA 89-40 changes the way returned absentee ballots will be handled. Currently, absentee ballots are placed in a locked ballot box, "in a secure place".

The new ordinance amends that section and has the absentee ballot sealed in an inner envelope, placed in another pre-addressed envelope and placed in ballot boxes to be located at the Okmulgee Post Office. The keys to the locked ballot box will be placed with the Okmulgee County Sheriff.

Chief Claude Cox had vetoed the bill citing three objections. The Chief claimed the United States Postal Service "cannot fill Election Board Functions". The Chief also noted that placing the

absentee ballot box at the Okmulgee Post Office would not insure security because "(A) current member of the National Council, a loser in two national tribal elections, is an employee of the Postal Service." Cox was referring to Bill Fife, Okfuskee District Representative.

Cox also objected on the grounds that the new procedure would cause unnecessary delays in election results and that the ballot box observer "approach is not practical".

On the floor at the Regular Session, Fife told the National Council that the Election Board itself "does not insure fair elections."

"The National Council can provide fair election laws," said Fife. "We've got to close up (Election Code) loopholes."

Fife opposed Cox in the 1987 election for Principal Chief. He protested the election based on absentee ballot results.

Regarding NCA 89-41, a bill that would require Election Board Secretary Juliene Stone to submit names for absentee ballot counters to the Council for approval, had been vetoed by the Chief.

Cox said the approval of ballot counters by incumbent representatives is the "ultimate conflict of interest."

Cox added that the bill would "deny opponents and the citizens the right to a fair election."

Fife rejected the conflict of interest argument and noted that a member of the Election Board, Gene Bigpond, is the son of the Chief's wife. Fife said the Council is "changing laws to have fair elections."

The Council also voted to

override NCA 89-25, a bill that would appropriate money for travel and training expenses of the Council. The bill would authorize the use of funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Aid to Tribal Government Account.

Though the bill was passed at the February session and vetoed shortly after, the Council delayed action on the veto at the March session and requested a line item of the budget expenses.

Cox had said the money from the Aid to Tribal Government Account is being used for the Lighthouse Administration, Realty Services, Economic Development and Tribal Courts.

The Chief said diverting funds for the Council might eliminate all or part of the four current programs.

The Chief's veto of NCA 89-35, a bill amending the facility use agreement between the tribe and the Eufaula Indian Community stands after the Council could not generate 16 of the 18 votes necessary for the override.

The bill calls for the community and the tribe to split profits from its bingo operation fifty-fifty. Cox objected to the bill citing Public Law 100-497 that regulates Indian gaming. That law requires the tribe to receive 70 percent of the profits from bingo operations.

Cox also objected to the measure because of vague language in the bill regarding profits from concessions.

In other legislative business, the Council passed seven separate appropriations, an amendment to the tax code and an amendment that would change the number of people that sit on the Hospital and Clinics Board.

Among the items sent to Executive Office for consideration

is a bill appropriating funds to construct a community center for the Hanna Indian Community. Included in the bill is a provision to purchase five acres for the building.

The Wilson Indian Community with a grant from the state of Oklahoma, received approval for the construction and development of a Head Start and day care facility. The economic development facility as an economic development project. Okmulgee District representative Harvey Gilroy, told the Council the move will generate revenue for the tribe and community and employ several.

The Checotah Indian Community sought funds to improve the parking space at its community center/bingo hall. Pending executive approval, the community will have \$25,000 available for expansion and resurfacing.

The Eufaula Dormitory, contracted from the federal government by the tribe, has faced severe funding reductions this past year. Consequently, \$125,287 is needed to operate the dormitory for the remainder of the fiscal year. The money will supplement budget shortcomings created by needed additional staff.

Other supplemental appropriations include the Office of the Gaming Commission and the Election Board.

The appropriation for the gaming Commission is the third of this fiscal year. Some Council members have been reluctant to approve a budget for the entire year at one time for that office.

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National Council Profiles/McIntosh District-

Frank Kamp is one of the most active members of the National Council. In his second term as McIntosh District Representative, Kamp serves as Second Speaker of

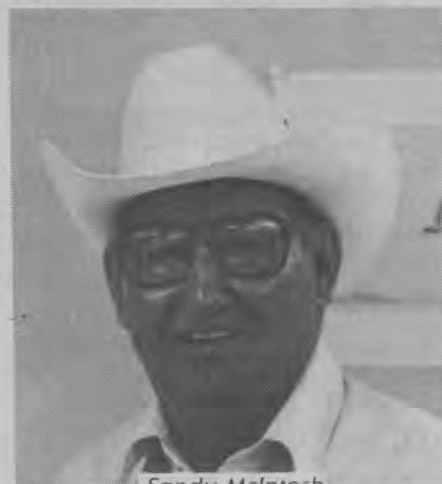


Frank Kamp

the Council, chairs the Investigative and Fact Finding Committee and sits on the Business and Governmental Services Committee.

According to Kamp's past statements he is concerned with the operation of tribal government, expenditures and appropriations and economic development on the community and tribal level.

Sandy McIntosh is the veteran of the McIntosh District representatives. He is in his sixth year as a representative and serves as chairman of the Tribal Affairs Committee. The committee is concerned with real property, comprehensive planning, leasing, economic development and law enforcement among others. He



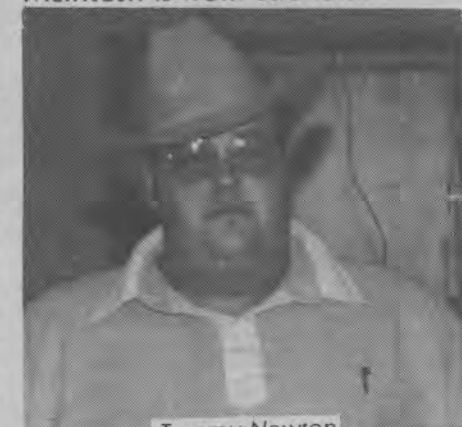
Sandy McIntosh

was also elected to the Stidham School Board this past winter.

Tommy Newton is the freshman representative of the McIntosh contingent. Newton, from

Checotah has logged thousands of miles canvassing his district and prides himself on his availability to his constituents. Newton sits on the Tribal Affairs Committee.

Kamp is from Eufaula and McIntosh is from Stidham.



Tommy Newton



PICTURED AT THE MUSKOGEE CHAPTER OF THE VEV RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY commemorating the reopening of the VEV Smokeshop and Center were members of the chapter and National Council. Back row, from left to right are: Karen Rider, National Council Secretary, Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee District Rep., Barton Williams, Okmulgee District Rep. Front row, from left to right are: VEV member Mike Kennedy, member Lynn Kennedy, National Council Speaker, Ken Childers, National Council Second Speaker, Frank Kamp and VEV Post Commander Otis Dunn.

-Photo courtesy Okmulgee Daily Times

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW (Continued from Page 4)

This bill simply authorizes the spending of money that had been budgeted for the Commissioner's office. The money is for salaries, office supplies and rental, etc., and will suffice for the five months left in Fiscal Year 1989.

Anticipating an increase of operating expenses during an election year, the Council approved supplemental funding for the Election Board to the tune of \$40,000. The money is to be used for election and operating expense.

In other legislative matters, the Council returned \$281,637.33 to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be deposited into the tribe's trust

funds accounts. The amount had been deducted from the IIM principal amounts that resulted in a shortage of money in the 1989 tribal budget.

The only item not approved was a bill appropriating funds to the Hanna Indian Community for an economic development project. \$45,000 was to be loaned to the community to purchase property, a building, inventory and gasoline pumps.

Questions about a change in Oklahoma state law requiring on site inspection of gasoline storage tanks and hedging by some Council members who had voted earlier for the Hanna Community

Center led to the bill being tabled for 90 days.

Controversy regarding the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board will continue with the passage of NCA 89-58. The bill amends NCA 88-79, approved last year, concerning the board composition.

Cox and the Council are at odds concerning who sits on the board and the matter may not be decided until a decision is reached in the Council's suit against Executive Director Gary Breshears and Preferred Management Corporation is decided.



Notice From Tribal Citizenship Board-

If there have been any changes of addresses for tribal citizens, please notify the Citizenship Board with the change. This will allow the Board to make updates. The Board requests that if changes are needed for more than one citizen, spouse or children, to do so at one time.

The CN Citizenship Board encourages enrollment for any new additions to the household to be made as soon as possible.

If, at the time of enrollment the citizen's Social Security number has been omitted, contact the Citizenship Board so that the number can be added.

To contact the Citizenship Board write: CN Citizenship Board, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447 or phone 918/756-8700, ext. 224.

LEASING...

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limited authority to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee, authorizing them to grant land use permits up to a ninety (90) day period for a piece of tribal property known as the "Ominplex".

Section 102. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee is hereby authorized to grant land use permits, up to a ninety (90) day period for a piece of tribal property known as the "Ominplex".

Section 103. Any land use permits over the ninety (90) day period must receive the approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, by Ordinance.

Section 104. All monies received by the issuance of land use permits will be deposited in the special account ear-marked "Creek Festival Activities Fund" and must be expended by appropriation ordinance of the National Council.

Section 105. All contracts with vendors wishing to do business at the Omniplex site shall be submitted and approved by the Festival Committee.

Section 106. All purchases on behalf of the Festival Committee shall be done by purchase order and must be approved by the Festival Committee.

Section 107. The Festival Committee shall be done by purchase order and must be approved by the Festival Committee.

Section 107. The Festival Committee shall advertise the availability of land use permits in the Muscogee Nation News and shall give Indian preference in granting land use permits.

Section 108. The Festival Committee shall devise a land use permit form that shall be signed and approved as to form by the Creek Nation Tribal Attorney.

Section 109. Rental rates and concession fees for land use permits shall be established by the Festival Committee.

NCA 89-52 was signed into law by Principal Chief Claude Cox on April 27, 1989.

Dear Editor,

I thank you for publishing my letter to Chief Cox in the Muscogee Nation News. It has already resulted in written, telephone and in-person communications with members of the Muscogee Nation. I am pleased that tribal members have expressed their interest in the management and operation of Ocmulgee National Monument, a site that protects an important part of their ancestral homeland.

**Mark Corey, Superintendent
National Park Service
Ocmulgee National Monument**



CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY POW-WOW PRINCESS, LYNNELLE ROBERTS, Creek, right, accepts a bouquet from Laura Sigwing, Otee Princess. Lynnelle, daughter of Mona Roberts Anderson, Mounds, was chosen the First American Student Association Princess for the 17th Annual Pow-Wow at CSU in Edmond in April. Lynnelle is a past recipient of the Creek Council Oak Scholarship. George Tiger of the Creek Nation served as Master of Ceremonies for the Pow-Wow.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Wood-Davis Set August Wedding Date-

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood of Oklahoma City, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Diedre to James Edward Davis of Norman.

An August 12, 1989 wedding to be held at the Glorietta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City has been set.

Miss Wood is a member of the Oklahoma City Creek Indian Community, The Native American Center and the Intertribal Senior Citizen Volunteer. She is a graduate of Southeast High School, Oklahoma City.

Davis is the son of Mrs. Dora Davis of Norman and Merle Davis of Lamar. He is a graduate of Northwest Classen High School.

Moss Student Chosen For National Academy Achievement Award-

Lela Mae George, a student in the Moss School System has been selected as a United States Achievement Academy National Award Winner. She is now eligible to apply for a USAA college scholarship. Her picture will also appear in the organization's yearbook. Miss George's special interests include government and geometry. She is active in the Many Springs Church and plays basketball and softball. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mose George of Holdenville.



Janita Screechowl

Yargee Takes Top Spelling Competition-

Esther Jo Yargee, a sixth grade student at Justice, won first place at a regional spelling bee competition held in McAlester. She is the daughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Wewoka.

M-S-W Association to Host Summer Camps-

The Muscogee Seminole Wichita Association Brotherhood and Womens Missionary Union will promote the G.A./Acteen/R.A. Camp at the MSW Assembly Ground June 5-9, 1989, for ages 8-17.

There will be mission oriented classes, visiting missionaries speaking and activities in the afternoon.

Rules for acceptance and participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap.

Also there will be a Camp meeting held at Indian Falls Creek June 19-23, at the Falls Creek Assembly near Davis. For more information contact Blance Alexander, P.O. Box 512, Wagoner, OK, 74474.

Sapulpan Chosen To Judge State Sweetheart Pageant

Janita Screechowl, a 16 year old Sapulpa High School Student, has been selected as one of the judges for the Sooner Sweetheart pageant system which has six preliminaries to the state pageant.

Miss Screechowl will judge all categories: modeling, interview, talent and photogenic. Herself a pageant veteran, Miss Screechowl has several titles including Sooner Sweetheart Modeling Queen, Cinderella State Teen Best Musician and Oklahoma Teen Miss of America. She has also been selected to Who's Who in Pageants. She is the daughter of Ed and Janice Screechowl, of Sapulpa.

Haskell Indian Junior College Spring Pow-Wow May 12, 13, 14

Contact Manny King
913-749-8468

—REUNIONS—

Smith Family Reunion-

The Smith Family Reunion will be held May 27 starting at 9:30 a.m. The directions are: from I-40, take Highway 48 south toward Holdenville, pass Highway 9, six miles, turn east one and a half miles and look for signs. Reunion will be at the Pecan Grove Church. For more information, contact Diana Grayson, P.O. Box 4, Stilwell, OK 74960 or Jimmy Roberts, Rt. 1 Box 51, Dustin, OK 74839 and at 918/656-3303. All relatives and friends invited.

Family Reunion Set-

The relatives and descendants of Annie Smith Yahola have scheduled a family reunion and hog fry for Sunday, June 18 near Oktaha. For more information contact Sandra Carey at P.O. Box 492, Muskogee, OK 74401; Janet Washington at Rt. 4 Box 480 L, Muskogee, OK 74401; Leon Yahola at 918/682-2372 or 918/687-9009; or Jim Wolfe at 918/652-7256.

Hale-Coker Reunion-

The Hale-Coker Reunion has been set for June 10, 1989 at Gentry Creek on Lake Eufaula, located off Highway 266, approximately five miles east of Hitchita. Turn right at the Gentry Creek Store and follow the signs to the reunion.

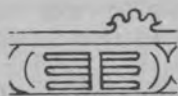
All relatives of the late Jasper and Maggie Hale and Gibson and Emma Coker are invited. For more information call Olivine Coker at 446-6758 or Anderson Hale at 366-6035.

Seneca Reunion Set-

The Seneca Indian School Alumni Reunion has been set for Saturday, June 3, 1989 at the Wyandotte Tribal Center in Wyandotte. The reunion will begin at 10:00 a.m. For more information call 918/838-7070.

Third Wacoche Reunion-

The Wacoche Family Reunion will be held at Nichols Park in Henryetta, May 27 starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be softball games, volleyball and of course, horseshoe games. For more information and directions, call Danny Lindsey, 652-7807 or Jean Berryhill, 756-8619. All relatives and friends are welcome. Covered dish.



Gospel Singing...

There will be a Gospel Singing at Butler Creek Indian Baptist Church Saturday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. with Bill Drywater as MC. All groups and individuals are welcome. The church is located nine miles south of Muskogee on old Highway 69.



THE OKMULGEE INDIAN SENIOR CITIZENS have begun operating a gift shop in the Tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee. The shop will sell arts, crafts, novelties, ceramics and even soft drinks. The gift shop is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Displaying a few of the many items available at the shop are from left to right, Bernice Hale, Lucille Factor and Juanita Checorah and Mary Gooden.

-photo by Jim Wolfe



Keyla Michelle Chapman

"Tiny Miss" Title Goes to Chapman Tot-

Keyla Michelle Chapman has been crowned "Tiny Miss" at the Southern Royalty Easter Pageant held in Westlake, Louisiana March 18, 1989.

Miss Chapman is the 20 month old daughter of Vanessa and Mike Chapman of Sulphur, LA. Grandparents are Barbara and Vance Beaver of Kinder, LA.



Laura Anne Wilson, left and J.R. Haney

Morris Holds Indian Heritage Day with Billy Mills as Special Guest-

-photo courtesy of Morris News

The Morris Schools celebrated Indian Heritage Day March 29, 1989 with 1964 Olympic medal winner Billy Mills, speaking.

A Princess and Brave contest were held with first grader Laura Anne Wilson winning the Princess title and second grader J.R. Haney winning the Brave honor.

Miss Wilson is the daughter of Al and Sandy Wilson of Morris. Haney is the son of Willie and Kathy Haney of Morris.

The event was part of Indian Heritage Day activities observed by Morris Schools.

News From the Hanna Community-

submitted by Janetta Harjo

The Hanna Community held its regular monthly meeting Monday night April 10. The community has been reorganized since November 1988.

At that time, the people elected Barbara Fogle president, the late Dewey Tolbert vice president, Becky Littlehead secretary and Kizzie Harjo treasurer.

Janetta Harjo was elected to replace Tolbert, who died in February 1989. Christina Butler has been elected secretary after Littlehead resigned in April.

"We would like to give a special thanks to our councilmen, Tom Newton and Frank Kamp, and all other council members who are supporting our bill for a community building," says Harjo.

(A bill appropriating funds for the purchase of property and to construct a community center was to have been considered at the April 29 Regular Session of the National Council. For action on that bill please see CN Legislative Overview on page 4. -the Editor)

The planning committee spokesperson Neva Spears, announced at the April meeting that another fund raising project the community will be a volleyball tournament May 27 and 28 at the Hopkins Arena in Hanna. For more information about the tournament contact: Barbara Fogle, 657-2539, days; Janetta Harjo, 657-2466 or 657-2539, evenings. Come and play volleyball, your support to the community is appreciated.

-Notice-

The Creek Nation Dental Clinic at Okmulgee is now able to file against dental insurance and Medicaid. All patients with dental insurance or Medicaid benefits are encouraged to advise the staff so that we can file and generate needed revenue.

Thank You,
Creek Nation Dental Staff

-NOTICE-

The families of Rudolph Phipps and Robert Burnett have organized the first ever Marine Corps Scholarship Memorial Bass Tournament, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, to be held May 21, 1989 at Grand Lake.

Phipps and Burnett were killed in a boat accident while fishing at Grand Lake.

The scholarship will be given to a person of Indian descent, whose parent must have served in the U.S. Marines or is in the Marine reserves, and with household income not to exceed \$30,000 annually. Contact the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 3008, Princeton, NJ, 08543.

To The People of Hanna Indian Community and the Creek Nation-

In the fall of 1988 the Hanna Indian Community elected General Dewey Tolbert Jr. as the vice president of their executive committee.

The first thing he did was to begin plans for the community building. With the help of his wife, Willo Dee, he designed and submitted those plans to the people of the Hanna Chapter.

To his great pleasure, the plans were voted on and approved by the people.

General Dewey Tolbert Jr. is our Dad. We use the term "Dad" respectfully, because his belief is that you should call no man "father". We lost our Dad on February 2, 1989. He died in his home of heart failure.

Before the first day of our terrible loss of him was over, we found we were not alone in our grief. The people here were wonderful.

It was obvious to us immediately that our Dads love and respect for them all was not unfounded. Only eleven days after his death, on February 13, the Hanna Indian Community voted to dedicate the new meeting hall of their building to him.

We want you all to know that besides meeting Our Lord, all Dad's prayers and dreams were for the prosperity of you, who he called "his people". He was proud to be a part of your plans for the future and with your decision to make a memorial to him, we feel that now he can still be a part of that future.

His pride in being born into the Creek Nation is extended to us, his five daughters. It is with that pride and love that we say — Thank you! Deborah Noyes, Janet Watkins, E Watkins, Teresa Lewis, Rita Main and Willo Dee his wife.

Hanna Community Sets Volleyball Tournament-

The Hanna Indian Community is sponsoring a Coed Volleyball Tournament May 27 and 28 at the Hopkins Arena in Hanna. Entry fee is \$40. For more information contact Barbara Fogle at 657-2539 during the day or Janetta Harjo at 657-2466 or 657-2595 in the evenings.

Four Volume Sets of CN Videos Available-

Creek Nation Video Programs are now available for purchase in a four volume set for \$50 or \$12.50 each. There will no longer be a two to four week delay in filling orders for video tapes as was necessary in the past. Tapes can be purchased in the Communications Department or by mail. Call 918/756-8700, ext 310 for more information.



-Photo by Gary Robinson

SIX GENERATIONS OF THIS CREEK FAMILY have attended the Salt Creek Indian Methodist Church near Holdenville. Lisa Deere, left, is shown with her grandmother, Melissa Long Deer, 77, at the church's Fourth Sunday held April 30. Lisa, who works with the United Methodist Native American Center at Oklahoma City University, is active with the church's large youth group. Pastor of Salt Creek is Ray McGilbray.



1990 Census Seeks Complete Count for Indian Country

In October 1988, the new 1990 Census Questionnaire will go to press and turn out more than 150 million copies. Starting in March, 1990, a copy of this questionnaire will go to every home in the United States, an estimated 106 million homes. The plan is for the questionnaire to be in every home by April 1, 1990, Census Day.

Within more densely populated areas, the questionnaire will be mailed to the home but, to those in very rural areas such as Indian Reservations and rural border communities, many will be hand delivered.

The Census Bureau estimates they will require the help of 350,000 temporary census takers, not only to develop a master mailing list but, to deliver the questionnaires and follow up on those homes that do not fill out and return the questionnaire.

The Census Bureau is working with Indian tribal liaisons to assist with the census taking within Indian Country. The Census Bureau is also encouraging Indians to apply for these temporary census jobs.

A spokesperson for the Census Bureau stresses the importance of an accurate count of Indian people and those who identify themselves with their Indian heritage.

"A complete count of the Indian population is vital. There is a saying, the census is only important if you think political power and money power are important to your group."

The census is used to assure equal representation in federal, state and local governments. In addition, the numbers derived from the census are used for planning for the future and to account for changes in racial groups and their needs over a period of time. Not only does the federal government use the numbers to allocate funds and services but, state, local and county governments also base the allocation of their resources based on these figures.

What this means for Indians is that a low or inaccurate count of the Indian population can mean the loss of badly needed money and services.

For more information contact the 1990 Census Promotion Office, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2733-3, Washington D.C. 20233 or call 301/763-1921.

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INDIAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION-



A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD RECENTLY IN TULSA ON THE INDUCTION OF FOUR INDIAN ATHLETES INTO the Hall of Fame. Those present were: left to right, Barbara Shoemake, Hall of Fame volunteer; Billy Mills, 1964 Olympic Champion; George Tiger, Induction Coordinator; Ben Shoemake, Hall of Fame Board Member, and Alvin Williams, Jr., son of Alvin Williams, one of four to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in Induction Ceremonies to be held in Tulsa on May 13. -Photo by Kathryn Bell

Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies Set May 13

Officials of the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame announced its latest inductees this past month at a Press Conference at the Sheraton Kensington Hotel in Tulsa, the site of it's upcoming 11th Annual Induction Ceremonies of the Hall of Fame to be held May 13.

This year's inductees into the Hall of Fame, which is located on the campus of Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence,

Kansas, are: Alvin Leroy Williams, Caddo from Verden, OK and whose sports are amateur and professional boxing; Clarence Abel, Chippewa from Sault St. Marie, Michigan, whose sport is Hockey; Euel "Monk" Moore, Chickasaw from Reagan, OK, whose sport is Baseball; and James Ingram, Chickasaw from Enville, OK whose sport is Baseball, Track and Field.

Discussed at the Press

conference were plans to locate the Hall of Fame in another area of Indian Country, since that was the original conception of the Hall of Fame when it was established in 1967 and located at Haskell.

Since the first induction in 1972, there have been 62 inducted into the Hall of Fame.

For more information on the May 13 Banquet, contact the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce or call 918-743-3049.

Creek Athletes Excel in Wrestling and Weightlifting-

State Champ Signs With OU

Creek citizen Carl Belford, 1989 Class 4A high school wrestling champion, signed a letter of intent to wrestle with the University of Oklahoma.

Belford, a senior at Western Heights High School in Oklahoma City, has had an illustrious career wrestling.



Four times he has won the Amateur Athletic Union Freestyle Championship and the AAU Greco-Roman Championship thrice.

Wrestling for more than 10 years, Belford has compiled a record of 1,112 wins and 249 individual tournament titles.

After losing in the Oklahoma state high school finals in the 123 pound class in 1988, Belford wrestled his way to the 4A pinnacle at 130 pounds, finishing his senior season with a 30-1 record.

Belford has been named to the Oklahoma Wrestling Coaches All Star Team at 130 pounds and was also named to the 1989 Oklahoma All State Wrestling Squad.

Belford is the son of Kenny and Pat Belford of Bethany.

H.S. Lifter Takes Third

Glen Mattison, a sophomore at Kellyville High School took third



place overall honors at the Oklahoma State High School Weightlifting Championships, April 22.

Mattison, an active student in the Kellyville Title IV program, also captured a second place individual award for his bench press and a third place for squat lifting.

All-American Grappler

John Richburg, an Adams State College senior, earned All-



American Wrestling honors for the second consecutive year.

Richburg finished the season with a 22-6-2 record for the NAIA school in Colorado. He is a graduate of Sulphur High School.

Richburg is the son of David and Ruby Richburg and the grandson of the late Charley and Annie Tiger of Wetumka.



CN YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT



A RESOLUTION OF YOUTH CONCERNS WAS PRESENTED TO SENATOR DANIEL INOUE, of Hawaii, on his April 24th tour of Creek Nation, by members of the Creek Nation Youth Council; left to right, Zack Anderson, Eufaula, Melissa Culley and Gerald Phillips of Mason School. The Resolution contained a statement of concerns and long-term expectations to solve these problems, by the students. The Honorable Senator, an active voice on behalf of Indian youth, is Chairman of the Senate Select Committee. *photo by Gary Robinson*

By Dean Tiger, CN Youth Council Specialist

We, at the Youth Services Department are very proud to be associated and given the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of youth. The citizens of the Creek Nation would have been proud also if they could have seen these youth come together with students from other tribes at the Youth Leadership Conference held in Norman last month, striving for

the same goals. The youth of Creek Nation exemplified what the purpose of the Youth Council Project is all about. They showed a willingness to learn and the commitment needed to organize a Youth Council in their communities.

The Mason High School students that attended the conference have already selected their priority area and have

begun to address that issue. The concern that they felt they need to focus in on, was getting the entire community to become more aware of Native American culture and heritage.

They decided to have a Pow-Wow to educate the community and to help get parents involved.

Hanna High School Indian students main concern is that the local school board needs to be

more sensitive to the needs and concerns of the Indian students, in the area of accessibility to the school facilities for youth project fund raising events. The students submitted a resolution to the school board for their consideration.

The Indian Youth at the Creek Nation Boarding School put on a workshop for grades 1-7 which addressed; alcoholism/drug abuse, Reaching for the Stars, Interacting with others and educational values. Other activities included olympics, a skit on the Wizard of Oz, awards assembly at which certificates were presented to all participants.

One of the most powerful men in Congress came to the Creek Nation to visit and it was an opportunity for some of the Indian Youth to meet him. The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the US Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs is a strong proponent of Native American youth and was pleased to see that the Creek Nation was involved in establishing Youth Councils. The representatives of the Indian Youth in the Creek Nation presented the Senator with a resolution to take back to Washington, D.C.

McIntosh Announces Council Candidacy

Sandy McIntosh announces his candidacy for a third term as McIntosh District Representative, Seat C.

I am a combat veteran of World War II, a member of Eufaula Masonic Lodge #1 and have diligently served as your representative for five years, during which time I have not missed any council meetings.

I have been instrumental in getting the polling places re-opened in Hanna, Ryal and Dustin; also obtaining the Smoke Shop, Bingo and Community Center for the McIntosh District.

In retrospect, we have accomplished many things during the last five years, however; we should be looking to the future of our tribe and the next generation. We must build a strong foundation now, to assure a successful future for our children. I recognize the challenge and accept it.

Being the representative for McIntosh District is a full time job. Since I am retired, I have the time and experience to continue the work we have begun. Your vote will be appreciated on October 24th.

Thank you, Sandy McIntosh



Miley Michelle Wind

Several relatives and friends attended a party recognizing Miley Michelle Wind's second birthday, April 10, 1989 at the Wind home in Cromwell.

Miss Wind is the daughter of Thomas Wind and Sandra Whisnant of Cromwell.

Paternal grandparents are Zelma and Yahola Wind of Cromwell and Jessie Wind, Jr. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Joyce Whisnant, of Cromwell.



Kendra Ann Berryhill

Kendra Ann Berryhill, daughter of Mark Berryhill and Verdine Nelson of Lawrence, Kansas and granddaughter of Tom and Jean Berryhill of Okmulgee, celebrated her first birthday in January. Her great-grandparents are Tom Berryhill, and Elizabeth Porter, Coweta.



Carmen Bear

Carmen Bear, daughter of Anthony Bear, Okmulgee, celebrated her 8th birthday at Show Biz Pizza, Tulsa on April 13. She is in the Second grade in Muskogee Public School.



Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best...

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalms 22:3

We are troubled as we see the condition of our great nation. Satan has launched an all out assault on every area of life...all the way from the government of our country down to our families. It is difficult when we experience trouble in high places or even when we are at war with another country, but we can always look forward to those troubles eventually coming to an end. But, when Satan attacks our families, he hits the very heart of our nation. It seems we can overcome anything else, but when families are destroyed we are devastated. And, once the family is destroyed and lives are wrecked...it's like Humpty-Dumpty, you can't put them back together again. When our families are destroyed, we have nothing left, families are the foundation of our country. We see so much devastation of families in our work on reservations but, no one is exempt from the attack of Satan on their families.

Our families are in trouble. Parents are abandoning their families. Many children are considered no more important than the rest of our throw away disposable society. Adults feel it's their right to do their own thing whether it's a career, a new lover, booze or drugs, or just plain laziness. Wicked people use and abuse children. Young people are caught up in materialism, drugs and sex. Children are having children. Lawlessness and violence abound. We are constantly analyzing and treating the symptoms, never getting to the root of the cause. It seems like we are caught in a trap. Everything is haywire.

What has gone wrong? The answer is we have left the protector of our families, indeed, the protection of our nation. We, alone are helpless before the onslaught of Satan, but it isn't God's will that we stand alone, totally exposed to the enemy. *Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1* We have gone away from God, and we have said in our hearts that we don't need him. We can do it on our own. Many of us have broken hearts because of our families. We have seen our children devastated by sin. The sin may not always be their own, but they have suffered because of the wickedness of others.

Let us as a nation, whether we are Indian or non-Indian, turn to God, surrendering ourselves and our families to Him with broken hearts for our sins and our families, pleading for his forgiveness and protection. Jesus said, *And him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37*

Let us weep before God, and plead the cause of our families. *Thus saith the Lord, a voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children because they were not. Thus saith the Lord: refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eye from tears, for the work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord. And they shall come again from the land of the enemy. Jeremiah 31:15-16*

We are not without hope for our families or for our country. But we are without hope without the Lord. We must come to Him, and we must come to Him by his way, through his son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We must come in full surrender, willing to serve him in order to be under his protection and blessings. His blessings will far outweigh anything it cost us in service. Our families, our churches and our country can not survive without Him.

The first week of March, I preached a revival at Mekusukey Baptist in Seminole. We had a good meeting and the people were encouraged. There was a real presence of the Lord with us in each service. The second week I was in a camp meeting in Myrtle, Mississippi. It was a time of refreshing for me. The third week, I was with Maranatha Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, with Brother Charley O'Daniel. The Lord gave a good week with many coming for prayer and rededication. Two were saved and baptised. The fourth week, I was at Bible Baptist Church, Mattoon, Illinois with Brother Tom Pullen. We also had a good week in the Lord. On Sunday, there was a young lady who came professing faith in the Lord. God blessed the meeting each night and on Friday night, the Spirit of the Lord moved in an unusual way. It was a great week for me, fellowshiping with the pastor and the people. How we praise the Lord for the work and ministry he has called us into.

We thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for our health. I am feeling much better and stronger. Pray for Bennie that she will be strong enough to travel with me this year. Also continue to pray that many will come to saving knowledge of our Lord and that Christians will be strengthened to live as testimonies of God's grace in their lives.



Darren DeLaune



Dena DeLaune

DeLaune Children Perform for Glenpool Elders and Celebrate Special Birthday-

Darren DeLaune, son of Georgeann DeLaune of Okmulgee and Anthony DeLaune of Anadarko, celebrated his ninth birthday at Show Biz Pizza, Tulsa on April 17. He is in the third grade at Eastside Elementary. He celebrated with his sister Dena, cousins Carmen and Autumn Bear and uncle and mother.

Darren and sister Dena were recently asked by the Indian

education teacher, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan at Eastside Elementary to perform for the elderly people at the Glenpool Nursing Home for Indian Heritage Day.

The children sang "Sweet By and By" in English and Creek. The children attend the Forest Creek Mission, Henryetta.

Their grandparents are Lucille Bear of Henryetta and Dorothy DeLaune of Anadarko.

Senior Spotlight Issue Set for June

The Muscogee Nation News annual Senior Spotlight will be featured in the June issue. All Creek citizens who are graduating from college or high school are asked to submit good quality photographs and a brief paragraph summarizing future plans, etc. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 12. Send photos and information to the Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Sovereignty Symposium II to be Held in OKC-

On May 30, 31, and June 1, a Symposium on a variety of current issues of Indian Law will be held in Oklahoma City in conjunction with Red Earth '89. Sovereignty Symposium II--Divergent Points of View is sponsored by the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the Sovereignty Symposiums, Inc., and the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. The Seminar will attract speakers and participants from throughout the nation. It will be held at the Sheraton Hotel. For further information, call the Administrative Office of the Courts, 405-521-2450.



CULMINATING THE CREEK NATION HEAD START LITTLE OLYMPICS was the Parent-Staff Relay. The affair pitted parents with children attending the various head start centers and staff against the other in event that was as full of humor as well as competitiveness. The parents and staff of the Eufaula Head Start took top honors with Okmulgee placing second. Every child participating in the annual Little Olympics received a ribbon and each center received a plaque. -photo by Jim Wolfe

Muscogee (Creek) Calendars Available...

Muskoke Calendars are available through the CN Communications Department for \$3. The calendars are 14"x19" with brown ink on either ivory or white stock. Contact the Communications Department at 756-8700 ext. 327 or send check to Communications Department: PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Traditions '89 to be Held in Oklahoma City-

TRADITIONS '89 is a celebration of this state's diverse heritage as well as its traditional and folk artists. The festival will be at the Myriad Gardens in Oklahoma City October 20-22. Actor James Garner is honorary chairman for the event, which will include a Woody Guthrie Tribute featuring Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger.



—OBITUARIES—

LILLIE DEER HARJO

Services were held Tuesday, April 4 for Mrs. Lillie Deer Harjo at 1:30 p.m. at the Thlopthlocco Methodist Church with Rev. John Lowe of Oklahoma City, Rev. Thomas Long of Sapulpa and Rev. Ray McGilbray of Wetumka officiating. She died March 31, 1989 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital at the age of 86.

She was born March 24, 1903 in Okfuskee County in what was then the Oklahoma Indian Territory. She was the daughter of the late Moses Deer and Ellen Long who were pioneers in the development of the city of Okemah.

She had been an active member of the Thlopthlocco Methodist Church for many years and a hard worker with the United Methodist Women. She attended Bacone College and Prairie View School in Okfuskee County in the early days of statehood.

Survivors include one daughter, Leona H. Zink, Okemah; one son, Jimmie Johnson, Okemah; one brother, Dave Yargee, Okemah; eight grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, one nephew, two nieces, and two step-children, Ben Harjo, Wewoka, and Bessie Fixico, Holdenville. One brother, John Willie Deer preceded her in death in 1985.

ELLIOT LEITKA, SR.

Rev. Elliot Leitka, Sr., pastor of Okmulgee's First Indian Baptist Church, died Tuesday, April 4, 1989 at an area hospital. He was 75 years old.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 7, at the Wewoka Baptist Church. Jimmy Anderson officiated the wake service. Funeral services were conducted by Russell Begaye and Robert Haskins. Interment was in the Buck Family Cemetery near Wewoka under the direction of the Kelley Funeral Home.

Rev. Leitka was born June 14, 1913 in Wewoka and married Cora Buck on May 19, 1937. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and World War II.

Active in the ministry for over 40 years, Rev. Leitka worked as a missionary for the Muscogee Seminole Wichita Association among Creek speaking Cherokees in eastern Oklahoma. In 1960 the Leitkas moved to Okmulgee, where he, with the help of Dr. Frank Belvin, started the Okmulgee Tech Mission.

They later ministered to Western tribes at the Clinton Indian Baptist Church and in 1978 moved to the Brighton Indian Reservation in Florida, helping to build a new church building and parsonage. They returned to

Oklahoma in 1984 to pastor the Glenpool Indian Baptist Mission, expanding that church property as well.

Leitka also worked with the Muscogee Seminole Wichita Association as director of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union.

He has been pastor of the First Indian Baptist Church, Okmulgee since last year.

Survivors include his wife, Cora Leitka of the home; two sons, Eugene Leitka of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Elliot Leitka, Jr. of Carson, California; five daughters, Betty Passah of Oklahoma City, Sarah Ward of Shawnee, Ruthie Burgess of Mesa, Arizona, Wanda Jones of Shawnee and Loretta Denny of Glenpool; one brother, Frank Leitka of Wewoka; one sister, Susie Walters of Wewoka; 19 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

ROSE L. STARR

Services for Rose Lea Starr, 38, of Muskogee, were held Monday, April 24 at the Yardeka Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe Smith officiating.

Interment was in the Starr Family Cemetery under the direction of the Merritt Funeral Service Cottage Chapel, Henryetta.

Wake service was held Saturday, April 22 at the Merritt Funeral Service Chapel.

Starr was born October 19, 1950 and died April 20, 1989.

She was baptized May 13, 1963 by Coody Tiger at the Yardeka Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Eli Starr, and a daughter, Stephanie Fixico.

Survivors include: sons Steven, Ronnie and Dennis; one daughter, Melanie; mother Lena Starr of Henryetta; sisters Mandy Hill of Dustin, Sally Kelley of Okmulgee, Janie Parks of Moline, Illinois, Allene Starr of Henryetta, Emma Starr and Amy Reagan, both of Morris; brothers Daniel Starr of Wewoka and James Starr of North Carolina; and one grandson.

Pallbearers were Timmy Hohahta, Richard Factor, Keith Phillips, Shannon Starr, Roley Frye, Paul McNac and Jerry Reagan.

JESSE BIRDCREEK

Jesse Birdcreek, 64 year old resident of Weleetka, died Sunday, April 23, 1989 in an Okemah Hospital.

Birdcreek was born September 26, 1924 in Oklahoma and served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 539 in Henryetta.

Survivors include his wife, Sinah

Birdcreek of the home; three sons, Henry Birdcreek of Lawrence, Kansas, Adrian Birdcreek of Weleetka and Lewis Birdcreek of Bellflower, California; and one brother, Amos Birdcreek of Lawrence, Kans.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 27 at the Alabama Baptist Church with the Rev. Moe Scott officiating. Graveside military rites were conducted by the Henryetta VFW at the Birdcreek Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gene Manley, Alfred Wise, Bill Wise, Lloyd Roper, Steve Randall and Rocky Randall.

Arrangements were under the direction of Merritt Funeral Service of Henryetta.

LONDON B. COKER

London B. Coker, 74, resident of Tempe, Arizona, died April 21, 1989. He was a long time resident of Okemah and had lived in Tempe for the last two years. He was born May 13, 1914 to Obner and Monnie (Samuel) Coker in Okfuskee County.

Services were held Friday, April 29, 1989 at Greenleaf Baptist Church with Rev. Harley Barnoski officiating, assisted by John Burgess.

Coker was a devoted church member all his life. He was baptized at Greenleaf Baptist Church in 1930 and ordained as a deacon in 1938. He returned to Greenleaf after founding various missions and churches throughout Oklahoma in 1978. Coker served as chairman of the church board between 1983 and 1986.

He was founder, trustee and the head deacon of Indian missions that were later established as churches including Oakhurst Indian Baptist Church, Tulsa First Indian Baptist, Bowen Indian Baptist Church and Wekiwa Indian Baptist Church.

Coker was also active with intertribal churches, organizing religious conventions in places across the United States.

In the early 1960's, Coker was active in the movement to have an elected Principal Chief and tribal government for the Muscogee Nation.

He was a respected community leader for the families he loved.

Survivors include cousins, Ben Johnson, Billy Davis, Clifton Hill, Lena Wacoche, Annie Bear, Richinda Sands, Jean Chaudhuri, Josephine Nilima, and one aunt, Sarah Hicks.

Pallbearers were Gerald Wacoche, Jimmie Johnson, Van Johnson, Mayo Wacoche and members of the Hicks family.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Merritt Funeral Service of Henryetta.

Expression of Thanks-

The family of Rose Lea Starr wish to express our deepest gratitude to the members of the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church, Merritt Funeral directors and the Creek Nation. We appreciated your support and thoughtfulness during our period of mourning for the tragic loss of our beloved friend and sister.

We also want to acknowledge the gifts of food, flowers and prayers shared by relatives and friends.

Rose Lea Starr will be deeply missed, again we thank you.

The family of London Coker acknowledges with grateful appreciation, your kind expression of sympathy and for your wonderful support.

-Ella Jean Chaudhuri, Richinda Sands and Ben Johnson.

Thank you to all the friends and relatives who brought flowers, food and comfort during this time. -the Leitka Family



Reader Seeks Info on Creek Cemeteries-

Dear Editor,

I have attempted to do something alone which can't be done. No better method of gathering information than going straight to the folks who know first hand what I need to know.

I am appealing to your readers. Here's my problem: Creek County is dotted with Indian cemeteries. It bothers me that such little information is available as the locations in a collective written form.

I am somewhat familiar with the Okfuskee area but that's not enough. I need cemetery names, their exact locations and whether or not they are (1) very old, not being used, (2) being used currently, (3) fenced or unkept, etc., (4) legally reserved in courthouse records and (5) if they were there before 1907 and why not still being used.

Am I right in thinking that nobody has catalogued the information requested above? Do the various historical societies, state or county, have anything like this recorded?

Anything I get will be turned over to proper Creek records for the benefit of interested Creek citizens. Please help me to stay interested in this undertaking. It needs to done!

Respectfully Yours,
W.M. Snoop Knight
544 NW 32nd St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73118



Creek Nation Rodeo & Festival '89!

The June issue of the *Muscogee Nation News* featuring a Special Creek Nation Rodeo and Festival supplement, will be mailed earlier than usual to insure delivery to all MNN subscribers before the Festival and Rodeo dates of June 16-18. The supplement will feature general information and schedules of the activities pertaining to Festival weekend.

Rodeo Queen Candidate



Brandy Susan Tiger, 17-year old daughter of Sandra and John Tiger, is a candidate for the CN Rodeo Queen this year. She is a Junior at Oktaha High School. Her hobbies include pow-wows, camping, swimming, and sewing with her grandmother, Susan Long.

Creek Princess Pageant Set June 10-

Reigning Creek Princess Rhonda Harjo will relinquish her title to the 1989-90 Creek Princess on Saturday June 10, 1989 at the Mound Auditorium at the Tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee.

"The Princess Committee expects this pageant to be a big success," said Gwen Taylor, committee member.

The Creek Nation Princess is the official Goodwill Ambassador of the Muscogee (Creek) people. During her one year reign, the Princess will be required to attend tribal festivals, parades, rodeos, pow-wows and non-Indian activities throughout the Creek Nation.

During her two year reign, Miss Harjo travelled over 6,000 miles as Goodwill Ambassador, including a trip to Washington D.C.

An afternoon Tea and Reception will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 in the Dining Hall at the Tribal Capitol Complex. The Tea Reception is for the contestants and judges only.

During the reception, contestants will be interviewed. Questions will be of a general nature though the contestants should have an awareness of tribal issues, interests and culture. The interview is the Poise and Personality portion of the Pageant and contestants are asked to wear traditional Creek dress to the reception.

Following the reception, rehearsal for the Coronation Ceremony will be held in the Mound Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Contestants should be accompanied by their escorts.

To be eligible for the CN Princess Pageant one must be at least a junior in high school and not older than 22; never married; childless; copy of tribal enrollment card; two letters of recommendation; and a prepared talent. The Princess Committee has disallowed the Lord's Prayer in sign language for talent.

The Creek Nation Princess Pageant will begin at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, where the contestants will be judged on their traditional dress modelling and talent. The coronation of the 1989-90 Creek Nation Princess will follow.

The Creek Princess will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college of her choice, a \$300 gift, a crown and a banner. First Runner-up will receive a \$200 gift and second Runner-up will receive a \$100 gift. All other contestants will receive a consolation gift.

For more information and applications contact the Creek Nation Princess Committee, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, attention Pat Morgan, or phone Morgan at 918/756-8700, ext. 271 or Phyllis Warrington at 918/428-9215.

Deadline for accepting applications is Friday, May 26.

Princess Contestant Photos Due May 12—

Princess Contestants need to submit photograph and information to the Creek Nation Communication Dept. by May 12, for the May 23 printing of the Special Festival issue of the *Muscogee Nation News*.

—Festival Notices—

Look for the Creek Nation Festival Sign, located at the intersection of HWY 75 & Loop 56 in Okmulgee.

The Senior Citizens Gift Shop (located in the Main Lobby of the Complex) will open during the Festival.

The Communication Dept. will have a Mini-Theater in the Complex Dining Hall on Saturday, June 17. Showing Creek Nation Video Productions, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Creek Nation 15th
ANNUAL INDIAN RODEO
June 16-17 8:00 P.M.
CN Rodeo Arena
501-289-4261**

CN Olympics Set June 16

The CN Olympics will be held June 16, Friday, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Omniplex Track & Field. All students 6-15 years old will be eligible to participate with proof of Indian blood (CDIB) or any tribal enrollment. Call your local Indian community leader for Olympic signup and training. For more information, contact Bunny Hill, 918-756-8700 ext. 280. Deadline for acquiring information on teams is June 9th.

—CN TENNIS TOURNAMENT—

**JUNE 17 & 18 CONTACT LUCIAN BERRYHILL
or PHYLLIS DAVIS 918-756-8700**

—CN GOLF TOURNAMENT—

**JUNE 17 & 18 REGISTRATION AT
FOUNTAINHEAD CONTACT WILL ANQUOE
918-756-8700**

-VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT-

**JUNE 16 \$45 ENTRY FEE 16 TEAM
ROSTER 12 PERSONS PER TEAM CONTACT
BUNNY HILL OR DEAN TIGER 756-8700**

—IMPORTANT NOTICE—

There will be a drawing on **May 30th** for concession booth allotments for the Rodeo and Festival. There are only thirteen food concessions available. The prices are: On the grounds- there are six at \$200; Rodeo Arena- two

at \$300 and one at \$200; Ballfields- two at \$1500; and two commercial concessions- two at \$200. Arts and Crafts booths are \$40 each with no limit on booths available. Contact Vicki Carpenter 756-8700 ext. 347.

CREEK NATION FESTIVAL '89 FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT ALL-INDIAN MEN & WOMENS JUNE 16-18 AT OMNIPLEX

(Located at Hwy 75 & Loop 56, Okmulgee)
TEAM LIMIT: 24 MENS, 16 WOMENS

**ENTRY FEE: \$100, DEADLINE: JUNE 2
TROPHIES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th**

Team Trophies

**First Place Jackets
Second Place Tote Bags
Third Place T-Shirts
Sportsmanship
MVP & All-Star Jackets**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT RICK
WOLFE OR BUNNY HILL 918-756-8700 (MENS
TOURNAMENT) OR VERNON BUCK, 405-672-
1823 (WOMENS TOURNAMENT). NO
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GETTING A "HEADSTART" ON A GREAT FUTURE are these future leaders of the Okmulgee Creek Nation Headstart Program. The young grads took part in festive ceremonies held in May at the Mound Auditorium at the CN Complex. They are left to right - first row: Vincent Baccus, Billy Hill, Yvette Cook, Erin Harjo, Brandis Fish, Jeana Bales, Roman Harjo, Melaine Parker. Second Row: Michael Morgan, Micah Little, Justina Powell, Amanda Durden, Jamie Spottedbird, Tonie Grayson, Ethan Bill. Front Row: Gina Fleener, Davena Powell, Levi Heller, Sheldon Sloan and Amber McDowell.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

Absentee Ballot Legislation Creates Controversy-

By Jim Wolfe

With the successful override of vetoes to NCA 89-05, 89-40 and 89-41, changes to the Creek Nation Election Code will result in absentee ballot changes for this year's general election.

NCA 89-05 amends Section 1003 of the Election Code, regarding the requesting of absentee ballots. The change reads: *All absentee ballot requests must be in writing by the registered voter no later than 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, twenty-four days before each primary election.*

NCA 89-05 requires the Election Board to mail a request form to all absentee voters who are registered with the Election Board.

Before the amendment the Election Board mailed an absentee ballot to every registered absentee voter. The amendment calls for request forms to be mailed to all registered absentee voters.

Critics of the bill contend that this procedure will prove to be a hardship on voters. Proponents of the bill claim that the new procedure will eliminate waste, unnecessary ballot mailings and should prevent fraud.

In his February 13 veto message Principal Chief Claude Cox objected to the amendment citing the legislation as unnecessary and discriminatory "against tribal citizens who have declared their constitutional right to vote by absentee ballot."

NCA 89-40 amends the handling of absentee ballots. In past elections the ballots have been kept in a safe in the Election Board offices. The amendment calls for the ballot box to be kept at the U.S. Post Office in Okmulgee with the keys to the locks kept by the Okmulgee County Sheriff's office. The bill also calls for candidates to designate one person to act as an observer and accompany the election board members to the post office to retrieve ballots.

Cox objected to the amendment stating that the Postal Service cannot fulfill Election Board Functions. The Chief also noted that National Council member Bill Fife works at the

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District Court Judge Rules that Committee Has Subpoena Power

By Jim Wolfe

Muscokee Nation District Court Judge Patrick Moore has ruled that the tribe's National Council does have subpoena power that can be applied to any Creek citizens managing tribal funds.

The judge's opinion, filed in District Court on May 8, was issued after a May 5 hearing in the civil case between the Council's Investigative and Fact Finding Committee and Etta Conner, a former tribal employee, and Steve Wilson, present manager of the tribe's Elderly Nutrition Program.

Conner and Wilson were involved with the Creek Nation Festival Committee during 1986 and 1987, the years in question.

The Fact Finding Committee seeks the financial records of expenditures for those years.

The Creek Nation Festival is a legislated tribal holiday and is an annual event attracting thousands of people to Okmulgee during the third weekend of June.

Both Conner and Wilson failed to appear at the Committee's request for a January 19, 1989 meeting. At that meeting the Committee voted to subpoena Conner and Wilson for attendance at the next Committee meeting.

Festival account records were not produced after the subpoenas were issued.

At that point the Committee filed a petition in District Court for a writ of *mandamus* to compel Conner and Wilson to comply with the Committee's request for records.

At the May 5 hearing, former tribal attorney Sherrin Watkins, representing Conner and Wilson, argued unsuccessfully that the Fact Finding Committee did not

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Letter to the MNN Editor-

Who's calling the kettle black? There's a story about a man that told his wife, "It hurts me right here when I breathe." She responded, "Well, don't breathe!" Someone may tell me, "Well don't read the paper!" when I tell them that my blood pressure goes up everytime I read the *Muscogee Nation News* (MNN).

You want to know what makes my blood pressure rise? Well, I'll tell you anyway. Our leaders? The Muscogee National Council. Do

they think they are serving a no thinking, no seeing or maybe a nonexistent constituency? What is this? Bills being introduced, passed, and if vetoed, override veto in order to accomplish what we want.

Who cares whether its constitutional or not or what effect it has on the Creek citizens. I was always of the opinion that to change the constitution it would have to go before the people to vote on the change and that the Creek Nation had an Election Board that regulated voting but, it appears today that the National Council is overlooking these built in laws and going forth as they see fit.

What am I talking about? I'm talking about the recent bills that were passed regarding absentee ballots, NCA 89-05, and the handling of returned ballots, NCA 89-40. NCA 89-05 states that Absentee Ballots must be requested 24 days prior to each election. How can an absentee voter request a ballot if he doesn't get a paper to know when an election will be held and how much more is this going to cost Creek Nation and voters to follow this process?

NCA 89-40 states the absentee ballots will be kept at the Post Office until the day of the election. Presently the ballots come to the CN Election offices. What assurance does this provide that it will result in a fair election which the Council or should I say, those Council members that oppose the present tribal administration, declare is unfair.

Oddly enough, one of those members was the losing candidate for the Principal Chief's office, is now a Council member and employed by the U.S. Postal service. I would dare say that most of the present Council members will be running again for their Council seats.

Now you talk about "conflict of interest"!

As a Creek citizen and absentee voter, I would say that this type of activity prior to election certainly needs to be looked into. I think the Election Board should assume the responsibility of not accepting candidates or even holding an election until actions taken by the Council regarding elections is declared Constitutional.

To the National Council I would say: remember, you are there to serve the people, not yourselves. We are watching and we are listening and mostly we are tired of all this in-house battling for power.

O k i s c e,
(s) Hepsie Mae (Tiger) Jackson
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Letter of Appreciation to the National Council-

On behalf of the employees and students of the Creek Eufaula Dormitory, I want to thank you for the supplemental funding and your support for education.

Funds appropriated for this facility is a great investment for the future of not only the students, but, their families, the Creek Nation and other tribes that are represented at the dormitory.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Respectfully,
Jean Froman, Administrator
CN Eufaula Dormitory

Dear Honorable Principal Chief Claude A. Cox,

"A dream come true" is what you have helped to do by your generous support of my participation in the 1989 Miss Oklahoma U.S. Teen Pageant.

It was an honor to meet and talk with you in person. The knowledge you shared with me about our tribal government was interesting and helped me to realize the importance of good leadership in tribal affairs.

From my heart, I thank you, and in the traditional sense of thanksgiving, I return this wish to you. I wish that the morning sun will give you strength, the moon will pour its essence of serenity upon you, and the warm winds will always rise to meet you with prosperity each day in the path of your life.

(s) With Love and Respect,
Chasilee D. Van Buskirk, 1989 Miss Oklahoma U.S. Teen Participant

Chief Cox-

It was a pleasure to join you for lunch with Sen. (Daniel) Inouye (Dem., Hawaii). Also thank you for the nice Creek jacket.

Hope to see you soon.

(s) Don Nickles, U.S. Senator

-NOTICE-

Please be notified that the Office of the National Council has a new mailing address. You may address correspondence to our office at: **Muscogee Creek Nation, National Council Office, P.O. Box 158, Okmulgee, OK 74447.**

This new address is effective immediately.

Revival at Yardeka-

The Yardeka Baptist Church has scheduled a nightly revival for May 28 through June 2, featuring preachers from the area.

Scheduled to preach are Rev. George Palmer, Rev. Sonny Harjo, Rev. Tom Berryhill, Sr., Rev. Alex Lowe and Rev. Amon Harjo. Special music nightly. Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Notice From Tribal Citizenship Board-

If there have been any changes of addresses for tribal citizens, please notify the Citizenship Board with the change. This will allow the Board to make updates. The Board requests that if changes are needed for more than one citizen, spouse or children, to do so at one time.

The CN Citizenship Board encourages enrollment for any new additions to the household to be made as soon as possible.

If, at the time of enrollment the citizen's Social Security number has been omitted, contact the Citizenship Board so that the number can be added.

To contact the Citizenship Board write: CN Citizenship Board, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447 or phone 918/756-8700, ext. 224.

Northern California Creeks Sought-

Creeks living in the Sacramento area, who are interested in forming a social organization for fellowship, hymn singing or quilting are asked to contact Helen Pool at 820 Westwood St., Willows, CA, 95988 or by phone at 916/934-2940.

Editor:

In your paper of May, 1989, on page 11, you have the obituary listed of one named London B. Coker.

My great-great-grandfather was named London Coker, Creek no. 8773, who died in 1919. Would you list my request in your paper to have any of his heirs to contact me, so that we may locate any kinfolks, to see if that part of the folks are kin? My maiden name is Coker. We are descendants of London Coker and his second wife, Mary Washburn, who also was Creek. We have a Coker Reunion the last Saturday in June each year. I hope his kin can contact me at this address. Thank you for any help you can give me.

(s) Mary F. (Coker) McCormick
2039 North Ideal Street
Seminole, OK 74868

Letter of Appreciation-

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ryal Public School and especially the principal, Mr. Louis Hicks for his help during this past year in aiding me in getting information to many of the tribal citizens in that area. Also, I would like to thank all of the constituents in McIntosh District for their support and cooperation on the many issues that I have brought before you.

Once again, thank you all.
Respectfully,
(s) Tommy Newton, McIntosh Dist.
Muscogee National Council



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CN Legislative Overview

by Jim Wolfe

May 11, 1989 Special Session

The Muscogee National Council convened a Special Session on May 11 to consider an appropriation to the American Indian Athletic Association Hall of Fame. The Council, with two dissenting votes, approved the donation of \$500 to the Association for its induction ceremonies banquet held in Tulsa. Principal Chief Claude Cox signed the measure.

May 20, 1989 Regular Session

The Muscogee National Council approved all five bills on its agenda and voted to override three vetoes at the May 20 Regular Session held at the Capitol Complex in Okmulgee.

Among the items that will be considered by Principal Chief Claude Cox include two amendments to the tribal Election Code, construction of a new commodity warehouse and donations to the Creek Indian Memorial Association, a non-profit organization that operates the Council House Museum in Okmulgee, and to the Mekvsapv Children's Home.

The two amendments to the Election Code involve absentee ballot tabulation procedures.

The amendments include specific language changes with the examination of the signatures and removal of outer envelopes with the completed absentee ballots on election day.

The other amendment to the Election Code pertains to the counting procedures of absentee ballots. Both amendments call for the procedure to be conducted in public.

A bill appropriating \$324,150 for the construction of a new commodity warehouse was approved unanimously.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture notified Charley LaSarge, manager of the Food Distribution Program, in a letter dated April 24, 1989, that a Management Evaluation of the present warehouse, Fourth and Seminole in Okmulgee, is "not suitable for the storage of commodities." The letter asked for plans to correct the problem to be submitted to the Department of Agriculture within 30 days.

Some Council members had reservations about constructing a new facility. Okfuskee District Representative Bill Burden suggested the tribe use the vacant CARES building in Okemah.

Earlier in the year, Ed Frye, Creek District, presented a resolution to the Council calling for the tribe to consider using the vacant Silver Dollar Ballroom

building near Kellyville, in response to an earlier bill that would have used Community Development Block Grant money to construct a new facility.

After the bill was approved, George Almerigi, Okmulgee District, moved to have the bill reconsidered and have the Speaker, Ken Childers, draft a letter to the U.S.D.A. informing them that the tribe was considering several alternatives to the use of the present commodity warehouse. His motion failed and the bill will be sent to the Chief's office for consideration.

A bill donating \$50,000 of bingo revenue to the CIMA was approved but not after several Council members voiced disapproval for spending money on a building the tribe does not own.

The Creek Council House is owned by the city of Okmulgee and is operated by the CIMA. The money is to be used for the CIMA's restoration project.

Johnson Buck, Hughes District Representative, said money should not be spent on a building the tribe does not own and mentioned that the Holdenville Community had not received any appropriations for roof repair at its community center. The Holdenville Center was damaged significantly in a March 18 fire that authorities suspect may have been arson.

Almerigi likened the money to an Oral Roberts seed donation. Approximately \$1.8 million is needed to restore the Council House. Bill Burden, author of the bill, told the Council that the CIMA had originally asked for much more money and that \$50,000 for the historic Council House was not asking too much.

The Council also voted to donate \$5,000 to the Mekvsapv Children's Home, located near Mason.

Mekvsapv, Muscogee for praying people, will provide shelter for orphan children. The Home is incorporated by the state of Oklahoma and will be funded initially by the Freewill Baptist Association.

The Council voted to override vetoes of an economic development project for the Kellyville Indian Community, construction of a community center for Hanna and the Hospital and Clinics Board Act amendment.

Chief Cox objected to the Kellyville economic development project that would create a recreational vehicle park on seven acres of land near Kellyville owned by the tribe. In his veto message, Cox wrote that further

feasibility information is required to "determine projected utilization, construction costs, and other factors."

Creek District Representative Clarence Cloud responded by saying the studies had been done and that the Kellyville Community had considered an RV park some time before but had waited on any action for the park because a proposed theme park in the area had included a RV park.

In addition to the recreational vehicle park, the community intends to operate a gift shop and a smokeshop.

A veto of the Hanna Community center bill was also overrode by the Council. The Chief had objected to the bill writing that the ordinance did not allow sufficient time to purchase the property. Cox also objected because he had not seen a community plan.

Tommy Newton, McIntosh District, said the community had completed preliminary requirements for the purchase of the land and property and that the Hanna Community had developed a plan for the facility.

An amendment to the Hospital and Clinics Board Act of 1988 that changes the structure of the Board was vetoed by the Chief. The amendment would reduce the number of Board members from five to three and would exclude tribal employees from the Board.

The Chief objected to the legislation claiming that the Director of the Community Services Division, Vicki Carpenter, can provide continuity between administrative management and the functional management of the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Clinics.

Cox also objected to the reduction of the Board members, claiming that the reduction would "serve no practical purpose". The Hospital Board composition is still a subject of controversy between the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

The Chief wrote "The immediate situation would leave but one board member, Abe McIntosh" on the Board and Nelson Johnson and Larry Bishop serving on the Board "pending confirmation."

The Council contends that the commissions of Executive appointees Larry Bishop and Nelson Johnson were denied seats on the Board when the Council met and refused to consider the nominees. The Muscogee Nation Constitution reads that Executive appointees
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RULING...

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have subpoena power and that the Committee lacked jurisdiction in the matter.

Judge Moore, expressed in his opinion, that the Council, through its Rules of Procedure, granted subpoena power to the investigative committee. The Investigative and Fact Finding Committee was formed by a majority vote of the Council in April 1988.

That subpoena power applies to all branches of tribal government and applies to individuals "when a private Creek citizen takes on the responsibility of managing or spending" tribal funds.

The Judge ruled that failure to comply with a Council subpoena, contempt, "is a matter to be handled by the National Council."

The Festival Committee Accounts do not constitute private funds and Judge Moore ordered the records be provided to the National Council by May 19.

On May 16, Watkins filed an application for a protective order in District Court. Watkins' application asks the Court to prevent Second Speaker of the Council Frank Kamp from distributing any records or documents he has relating to the Festival Committee to the other Council members.

The Judge did not sign the order.

Watkins also filed a motion for an altered or amended judgement or a new trial in the matter. Judge Moore will hear Watkins' motions on May 31 at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court Room at the Tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee.

ABSENTEE...

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Okmulgee Post Office and consequently, the security of the ballots could not be guaranteed.

Currently, the procedure is for the Election Board staff to log the absentee ballots as they come in and check the signatures daily. Juliene Stone, CN Election Board Secretary, says the procedure takes five to seven working days to log absentee ballots, verify signature and count them.

The Election Board, composed of five members approved by the Council and responsible for conducting elections "as prescribed by ordinance" (Muscogee Nation Constitution, Article IV, Section 1), has yet to meet to discuss the changes.

Last election, the Election Board mailed out more than 3,000 ballots and 1,800 of those were returned.

The primary election for National Council representatives will be October 28 with the general election to be held December 2.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

We Salute the 1989 Graduating Seniors!

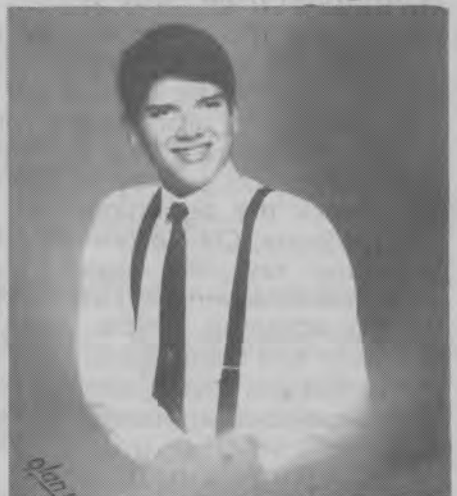
Congratulations to the Graduates of the Creek Nation Eufaula Dormitory, whose photos will be included as a special feature in next month's MNN. They are: Kawa Black-Vicki Camp-Gene Daniel-Cheryl Factor-Jason Jones-Larry McCosar-Joe Don Ripley-Vincent Shield-Vanessa Thomas. The Ninth grade grads include: Susan Baker-James Belvin-Kimberly Burleson-Melanie Fixico-Ronnie Fixico-Ben Hill-Robert Holt-Jeremiah Jones-Ryan McCulley-Lee Ann Merritt-Brian Rowe-Justina Scott and Juanita Telles.



Viola Jay Bearchum

Viola is a '89 Graduate from Pasco Senior High School in Pasco, Washington. She is Northern Cheyenne, Yakima, Creek and Walla Walla.

Viola 19, is the daughter of Bruce and Madeline Bearchum of Pasco and the grand-daughter of Louis Wiley of Pasco, Wa. Betty Wiley of Tulsa, OK., Ben Bearchum Sr. of Lane Deer and Ceceilia Bearchum of Adams, Oregon.



David Wayne Cricklin

David Wayne Cricklin, grandson of Wanda and Joe Cricklin of Midwest City, graduates with honors from Norman High School this month. David is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been active in school dramatics for several years. In a recent state wide competition he auditioned for and was selected to attend the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain Resort this

summer. While there, David will study dramatics with actor Richard Thomas (John-Boy of "The Waltons"). David is president of "Theatre Norman Teens" and is the youngest member of the board of directors of "Theatre Norman". He will attend the University of Arts and Business Administration.

Aaron Don McLaughlin

Aaron Don McLaughlin, Creek/Cheyenne is a 1989 Graduate from Lawton High School.

Don is the son of Don and Alice Goate McLaughlin of Lawton, Ok. and the grandson of the late Rev. John J. Goate and Athelena Fish Goate of Holdenville, Ok.

Don was an officer in the Native American Club at Lawton High School. He plans to attend Oklahoma State Tech and continue his education at Oklahoma State University majoring in Architectural Engineering.



Deborah Kay Cricklin

Deborah Kay Cricklin, who graduates this month, has become the first female from Norman High School to win an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Debbie will report to the Air Force Academy in June to begin a rigorous four year course of study that will lead to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a regular Officers Commission in the U.S. Air Force.

After graduating from the Academy she hopes to attend pilot training.

During High School Debbie has won numerous academic awards. She is a four year letterman and Co-Captain on the women's soccer team and has also won All-State honors with that team. Debbie is the granddaughter of

Wanda and Joe Cricklin of Midwest City.



Andrea Lynnette Pepiakitah

Andrea Lynnette Pepiakitah is the daughter of Tony and Ellen Pepiakitah of Jones, Oklahoma and grand-daughter of the late Rufus and Jennie Charles, formerly of Eufaula.

Andrea is 18 years old and has graduated with a 3.8 G.P.A. from Jones High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Teens Against Drugs, Spanish Club, FBLA Club and Art Club.

Andrea is listed in the Who's Who in Among American High School Students and on the Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Andrea will be attending Haskell Junior College this fall and majoring in Biology.



Wendi LeeAnn Ward

Wendi is the Valedictorian of her Senior Class at Talihina High School. She is 29/32 Choctaw-Creek and the daughter of Lucille Ward and Wayne Ward. Her grandparents are Polly Marshall of Eufaula, Oklahoma and Katherine Ward of Talihina, Ok.

Wendi has maintained a 4.0 Grade Point Average throughout her four years of high school. Wendi is a member of the Talihina girls softball and basketball teams

and the Marching and Concert Bands.

Wendi has been a member of the National and Oklahoma Honor Societies, Who's Who Among American High School Students, United States Achievement Academy and the Society of Distinguished American High School Students during the past four years. She was the recipient of the Freshman Cup and the Masonic Student of Today Award. Wendi attended the 1988 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and achieved top honors in an Executive and Administrative Branches of Government course.

Wendi will be attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Ok., where she has been offered a fee wavier scholarship. Wendi will major in Chemistry and minor in Pre-Law. Wendi has been accepted to work on a Biomedical Science Program at Southeastern during the months of June and July 1989 and during the 1989-90 school term.



Lea Mouss

Lea Mouss, a 1989 graduate of Henryetta High School, is the daughter of Edward and Sharon Mouss. She has completed high school with a 3.9 GPA. She was a member of the National Honor Society for three years, and a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society for six years. Lea was a member of the Henryetta Annual staff and she was also the colorguard captain for the band for the past two consecutive years. Lea has received the Academic Achievement Scholarship from the Henryetta Band Parents Organization, and the Semper Fidelis award from the U.S. Marine Corps. In the fall, Lea plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Psychology.



...MORE SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!



Christopher E. Leitka

Christopher E. Leitka 1989 graduated from Weleetka High School, is the grandson of Cainey and Stella Roberts of Okemah, Ok. and Cora Leitka and the late Rev. Elliott Leitka of Okmulgee.

Christopher was on the Weleetka High School football team for 3 years and track team for four years. He is also an outstanding Weight Lifter and Conference Champion for 3 years.

Christopher will be attending Oklahoma State Tech in the fall, taking course in Art and Drafting.



Velma Lee Carder

Velma Lee Carder, Valedictorian of the 1989 Class at Dustin High School.

Velma is the daughter of Cecil and Peggy Carder of Dustin. Her grandparents are the late John B. Carder of Georgia and Velma L. Carder of Tennessee, and the late Buddie Harjo and Hattie Harjo of Weleetka.

Velma is 1/2 Creek. She came to Dustin in the 9th grade and has received awards in World History, General Science, General Math and Softball.

In the 10th grade she received the Biology, English II, Algebra I Awards and was the Manager and Statistician for the high school basketball, baseball and softball teams.

In the 11th grad Velma received the Human Physiology, American History, Algebra II Awards, President of the Junior

Class, Vice-President of the FHA Club, member of FHA for 3 years, elected to the 1987-88 Who's Who Among American High School Students and the American High School Students.

This year in the Senior Class, she is Vice-President, on the Principal's Honor Roll with a 3.8 grade point average, received the Zoology Award, and was voted for two years Most Likely to be Remembered.

Her plans for the future is to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College at Wilburton in the fall and major in Forestry/Wildlife Conservation where she received a Presidential Scholarship.

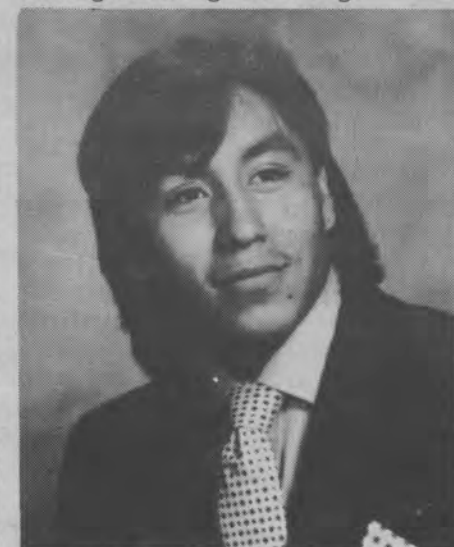
Her hobbies are hunting, fishing, billiards and spending time with friends.



Traci Wheeler

Traci Lynn Wheeler is the daughter of Danny J. Wheeler of Bristow and Connie King of Sapulpa. Her grandmother was the late Alice M. Wheeler of Bristow.

Traci was a member of the Band for one year. She has attended beauty school for two summer and plans to complete her training at Sapulpa Beauty College after graduating.



Roman Goate

Roman Goate, son of Rachel Williams, Holdenville, has been active in Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council, Spanish Club, Fellowship of

Christian Athletes. He participated in four sports and was All-District, All-Area Honorable Mention and Most Valuable Linebacker in football. He is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.



Vickie Camp

Vickie Camp, daughter of Sue Yahola, has completed a successful senior year at Eufaula.

An outstanding basketball player, Vickie averaged 29.4 points per game this past season. She was also selected as Eufaula High School Basketball Homecoming attendant, Future Homemakers of America Sweetheart attendant, Best All Around Girl Eufaula High School. Her basketball honors include: Vian All Tournament, Morris All Tournament, Muskogee Classic All Tournament, Black Diamond All Conference, All Area McAlester News Capital and the Kiamichi Classic.

Vickie will attend Connors State College in the fall where she will play basketball for the National Junior College finalist women's basketball team.



Susan Froman

Susan Froman, daughter of Ron and Jean Froman, graduated from Eufaula High School. She has participated in basketball and track, was Basketball Queen Attendant, FHA Sweetheart, Yearbook Queen and Mat Maid for the Wrestling Team. She plans to attend Connors State Jr. College.

She is the granddaughter of Della Beaver and the late John Beaver, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Froman, Miami, OK.



Kimberly Dawn Wheeler

Kimberly Dawn Wheeler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Wheeler of Bristow. She is a 1989 Graduate from Bristow High School. Kim was a member of the Pep Club for 3 years, Cheerleader for 3 years and Head Cheerleader for 2 years. She was a member of the French Club - 2 years, French Club Treasurer, Student Council Senator, Class Treasurer, Drama Club Treasurer, Yearbook Staff, BPW Student of the Month, President Academic Achievement Award.

Kimberly plans to major in elementary education at East Central University.



Adam Jones III

Adam Jones, III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Jones, Jr., graduated this Spring from Eufaula High School. He has been on the honor roll for four years, National Honor Society, FFA for four years. He also won the State Farmer Award and has held an office in the FFA for three years. Adam played baseball for four years, won the National Art and National English Award and plans on attending Connors State College this Fall and will major in Wildlife Biology. He is the grandson of the late Rev. Adam Jones, Eufaula, J.B. Jordan, Eufaula and Mary Jordan, Susanville, California.



COMMUNITY NEWS

M-S-W Association to Host Summer Camps-

The Muscogee Seminole Wichita Association Brotherhood and Womens Missionary Union will promote the G.A./Acteen/R.A. Camp at the MSW Assembly Ground June 5-9, 1989, for ages 8-17.

There will be mission oriented classes, visiting missionaries speaking and activities in the afternoon.

Rules for acceptance and participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap.

Also there will be a Camp meeting held at Indian Falls Creek June 19-23, at the Falls Creek Assembly near Davis. For more information contact Blance Alexander, P.O. Box 512, Wagoner, OK, 74474.

REUNIONS

Family Reunion Set-

The relatives and descendants of Annie Smith Yahola have scheduled a family reunion and hog fry for Sunday, June 18 near Oktaha. For more information contact Sandra Carey at P.O. Box 492, Muskogee, OK 74401; Janet Washington at Rt. 4 Box 480 L, Muskogee, OK 74401; Leon Yahola at 918/682-2372 or 918/687-9009; or Jim Wolfe at 918/652-7256.

Seneca Reunion Set-

The Seneca Indian School Alumni Reunion has been set for Saturday, June 3, 1989 at the Wyandotte Tribal Center in Wyandotte. The reunion will begin at 10:00 a.m. For more information call 918/838-7070.

Third Annual Francis Reunion Set-

The third Annual Francis Reunion will be held this year on Saturday, July 15th at Artusse Indian Baptist Church in Eufaula. Some of the activities this year will include a softball game, volleyball and horseshoes. We will have a cookout with burgers and hotdogs along with covered dishes that anyone wishes to bring. Prizes will be awarded to the most in a single family, ones who have traveled the farthest, the oldest member, the youngest member, plus there will be other gifts such as t-shirts and caps. Our list of relatives now numbers over 200 and still growing. So come and enjoy a day with relatives near and far, young and old. For more information, feel free to contact Rose Mary Phillips Edwards, 8612 Utopia Dr., 76C, Raytown, Missouri, 64138, or call 816-737-3573 or Martha (Francis) Phillips, Rt. 3, Eufaula, OK, 918-689-7891.

Hale-Coker Reunion-

The Hale-Coker Reunion has been set for June 10, 1989 at Gentry Creek on Lake Eufaula, located off Highway 266, approximately five miles east of Hitchita. Turn right at the Gentry Creek Store and follow the signs to the reunion.

All relatives of the late Jasper and Maggie Hale and Gibson and Emma Coker are invited. For more information call Olivine Coker at 446-6758 or Anderson Hale at 366-6035.

Bear Reunion-

The first annual family and friend reunion of Ms. Annie Coker Bear, Lon Bear, Clifford Bear, Ms. Patricia Bear Noon, Ashley Bear and Atley Bob Bear are invited to the first annual Bear Bash slated for June 1, 1989 at Haydenville. Gifts for the oldest, most family members present, and the one who traveled the longest distance will be awarded. Volleyball, horseshoes, bow and arrow contest, good food and fellowship, beverages and burgers will be provided. Please bring one covered dish or dessert and lawn chairs and old pictures you would like to share. The reunion is dedicated to the memory of Nokose (Lucky) Bear, Albert (King) Bear and Stella (Sister) Bear Mueller.

Bruner Family Reunion-

The Bruner Family Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Concharty Methodist Church. For more information contact Lane Morgan or Virginia Bruner at 918-733-2626, in Morris.

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Shelly Crowe

OU Achievement Award Goes to Creek

Shelly Crowe, Tulsa, has been selected as the 1988-89 recipient of the American Indian Academic Achievement Award from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Mrs. Crowe was honored, along with other Native Americans at a Banquet held at the University in Norman.

"I feel very proud to receive the award. And, since I am Creek, I feel this is an honor for my Tribe as well," said Mrs. Crowe, who remarked that returning to school at her age was a challenge- but one that paid off in her receiving an award for a 3.925 grade average. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, a national nursing honor society.

Mrs. Crowe is employed with the Indian Care Resources Center, Inc., Tulsa as a health educator. She is also on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Hospital and Clinics Board.

She also serves on the Tulsa American Diabetes Board, the Tulsa Perinatal Task Force and The Tulsa AIDS Coalition. Named Indian Parent of the Year in 1986 by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education. She is also a research assistant at OU and has been awarded a full scholarship for her academic abilities.

Mrs. Crowe will complete her Master's degree as a community health nurse clinical specialist this month from the University of Oklahoma.

Crowe resides in Tulsa with her husband, John and two children. She is the daughter of Doretha Beaver Stubbs and the late E.W. Stubbs of Henryetta and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beaver of Tucson, Arizona.



Peggy Berryhill

Berryhill Appointed as News Director-

The Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC), a regional association of grassroots membership organizations, has appointed Peggy Berryhill, Creek, to be project director for the organization's new radio news service. The project, titled "High Plains News Service," will provide news programming to regional radio stations.

Ms. Berryhill brings 16 years of experience in public broadcasting to this newly created position. She is a former producer for National Public Radio in Washington, D.C., where she was the recipient of the Unity Award in Media for reporting of politics and the gold Cindy Award for reporting of religion. The Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium and the American Indian Film Institute recognized her as an "Outstanding Individual in Radio" for her achievements.

She served as program director for KPFA in Berkeley, California, for KALW in San Francisco and KUNM in Albuquerque. In addition, Ms. Berryhill is a nationally known public broadcasting trainer and consultant. Her work is frequently featured on National Public Radio's *Horizons* series.

—MNN DEADLINE—

The Deadline for the July edition of MNN is June 16 or the third Friday of the month.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT—

Ramona Faye Gray is the proud parent of a baby girl, Randi Earline Gray, born March 31 at 5:15 p.m. in Tahlequah at the W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital. She weighed five pounds and one and a half ounce. Randi's maternal grandparents are Foster and Earline Gray. Randi has three uncles and four aunts, Foster Junior, Nocus Elle, Jeremiah, Winey, Yahnnee, Virginia and Lena.



15TH ANNUAL CREEK NATION *Rodeo & Festival '89*

1989 CN RODEO & FESTIVAL COMMITTEE-



THE 1989 RODEO AND FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTED THROUGH NATIONAL COUNCIL LEGISLATION includes, left to right, Carney Roberts, Chairman, and former Creek Councilmember from Okfuskee District; Bob Davis, Vice-Chairman and Creek Nation Treasurer; Donna Rhodes, Secretary and Tulsa District National Council representative; Harvey Gilroy, Committee member and National Council representative for Okmulgee District, and in far back, Rick Wolfe, Treasurer and Creek Nation Facilities Manager. The Committee will oversee the work of the Festival and Rodeo for the next three years.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

Tribal Awareness is '89 Festival & Rodeo Theme-

"Tribal Awareness" is the theme for this year's 15th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo and Festival set June 16 -18 at the tribe's Sports Omniplex located at Highway 75 and Loop 56 on the north edge of Okmulgee.

The weekend event is expected to draw thousands of people from across Oklahoma and neighboring states. Last year, there was an attendance of 11,000 not including small children and senior citizens.

The festival will begin on Friday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m. with the Creek Nation Olympics, pitting Indian youth from area communities against one another in track and field competitions.

Formal opening ceremonies will be held Friday at 6:45 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena which will include a Welcome from Principal Chief Claude Cox, the coronation of the 1989 Rodeo Queen, a traditional Creek Stickball game exhibition and the Rodeo Grand Entry.

Creek Nation's Indian Rodeo, sanctioned by the All Indian Rodeo Association will be held Friday and Saturday nights starting at 8:00 p.m. Indian Cowboys will be competing in 8 different events for \$7,500 in prize money.

Other weekend activities include tournaments in softball, volleyball, horseshoes, archery, tennis, and golf, with trophies awarded to winners in every event.

A parade through the streets of downtown Okmulgee will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. featuring the Creek Nation Princess, and Rodeo Queen along with clowns, juried floats, riding clubs and other entries.

Concession stands selling Indian foods, arts and crafts, and other items will be open all weekend on the Omniplex grounds. An Arts and Crafts competition will be held at the Creek Council House Museum.

—Schedule of Events for Rodeo & Festival—

Friday, June 16, 9:00 A.M.— Olympics— Omniplex

Friday, June 16, 6:00 P.M.— Softball Tournaments— Omniplex

Friday, June 16— Volleyball Tournament— Omniplex

Friday, June 16, 6:45 P.M.— Opening Ceremonies— Rodeo Arena

Welcome- Chief Cox
Rodeo Queen Coronation
Exhibition Stickball Game
Grand Entry
National Anthem

Friday, June 16, 8:00 P.M.— Rodeo— Rodeo Arena, Omniplex

Saturday, June 17, 9:00 A.M.— Childrens Games— Complex Grounds

Saturday, June 17—Golf Tournament— Fountainhead Park

Saturday, June 17—Tennis Tournament— Okmulgee Tennis Courts

Saturday, June 17, 4:00 P.M.— Parade— Downtown Okmulgee

Saturday, June 17— Senior Citizens Games, Horseshoes, Archery Omniplex

Saturday, June 16, 8:00 p.m.— Rodeo— Rodeo Arena, Omniplex

Information on Leasing Fields & Arena Ready-

The Creek Nation Rodeo and Festival Executive Committee has prepared leasing arrangements for the use of the Creek Nation softball fields and rodeo arena at the Ominplex in Okmulgee. For more information contact Rick Wolfe at 756-8700 weekdays.

An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Granting Authority To and Adopting Policies & Procedures of the Festival Committee - NCA 89-52

Section 100. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled:

Section 101. Purpose: The purpose of this Act is to grant limited authority to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee, authorizing them to grant land use permits up to a ninety (90) day period for a piece of tribal property known as the "Ominplex".

Section 102. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee is hereby authorized to grant land use permits, up to a ninety (90) day period for a piece of tribal property known as the "Ominplex".

Section 103. Any land use permits over the ninety (90) day period must receive the approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, by Ordinance.

Section 104. All monies received by the issuance of land use permits will be deposited in the special account ear-marked "Creek Festival Activities Fund" and must be expended by appropriation ordinance of the National Council.

Section 105. All contracts with vendors wishing to do business at the Ominplex site shall be submitted and approved by the Festival Committee.

Section 106. All purchases on behalf of the Festival Committee shall be done by purchase order and must be approved by the Festival Committee.

Section 107. The Festival Committee shall advertise the availability of land use permits in the Muscogee Nation News and shall give Indian preference in granting land use permits.

Section 108. The Festival Committee shall devise a land use permit form that shall be signed and approved as to form by the Creek Nation Tribal Attorney.

Section 109. Rental rates and concession fees for land use permits shall be established by the Festival Committee.

—Festival Notices—

Look for the Creek Nation Festival Sign, located at the intersection of HWY 75 & Loop 56 in Okmulgee.

The Senior Citizens Gift Shop (located in the Main Lobby of the Complex) will open during the Festival.

The Communication Dept. will have a Mini-Theater in the Complex Dining Hall on Saturday, June 17. Showing Creek Nation Video Productions, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

—IMPORTANT NOTICE—

There will be a drawing on **May 30th** for concession booth allotments for the Rodeo and Festival. There are only thirteen food concessions available. The prices are: On the grounds- there are six at \$200; Rodeo Arena- two at \$300 and one at \$200; Ballfields- two at \$1500; and two commercial concessions- two at \$200. Arts and Crafts booths are \$40 each with no limit on booths available. Contact Vicki Carpenter 756-8700 ext. 347.

Festival to Feature Video Theater-

As part of this year's "Tribal Awareness" theme for the Festival, the Creek Nation Communication Department will be showing video programs about the tribe all day, Saturday, June 17, in the Tribal Complex. This Video Theater will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the dining hall located near the front entrance to the main tribal office building.

Programs produced by the Communication Department will be shown during these hours. The programs cover the history, folklore, ceremonial activities and other cultural subjects related to the Muscogee (Creek) people, in addition to current tribal services and accomplishments. These 25 video programs are available in a four volume set of VHS videotapes for \$50 and will be on sale in the video theater.

The Okmulgee Senior Citizens gift shop, located down the hall from the video theater, will be open during the same hours, selling handmade arts and crafts, snacks and cold beverages.

The combination of the video theater and gift shop will provide an ideal opportunity to get out of the sun, cool off and learn more about tribal affairs at the same time.

For more information contact the Communication Department at 918/756-8700, ext. 310.



Principal Chief Claude Cox and Second Chief Perry Beaver

WELCOME TO CREEK NATION'S 15TH ANNUAL RODEO & FESTIVAL.....

Dear Creek Citizens and Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Creek Festival & Rodeo '89. It's that time of year again for Muscogee (Creek) citizens and friends to gather together for a weekend of keen competition, lots of fun and fellowship. We are proud that you are here with us to be apart of this exciting event. For those who are here for the first time, we know you will want to return year after year, and we extend a very special "Welcome" to you. Come out and enjoy the Rodeo, the tournaments, the great Indian food, and learn about our unique Muscogee (Creek) Indian culture. We invite you to come and be apart of the 15th Annual Creek Rodeo & Festival!

Claude A. Cox Principal Chief
Perry Beaver, Second Chief

Stickball to be Part of Opening Ceremonies Held on Friday-

It will be quite a unique experience for our Creek citizens and guests during the Opening Ceremonies, Friday at 6:45 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena, to watch an exhibition traditional stickball game.

"Little Brother of War" as the game is referred to from tradition, will be a shorter version of the traditional stickball game that is played at the Creek ceremonial grounds at the end of the ceremonial season.

The exhibition stickball game will last 30 minutes and will involve 20 players from the Arbeka Ceremonial Grounds, east of Henryetta.

This is the first time that an exhibition stickball game will have been included in the Opening Ceremonies of the Festival and Rodeo.

CN Ambulance and CN CHR'S to Assist During '89 Rodeo & Festival-

The Creek Nation Community Hospital will once again provide an Ambulance and Staff that will be on call during the '89 Festival and Rodeo at the Ominplex Grounds. Also the CHR's from Creek Nation will set up a First Aid station on the Ominplex Grounds for the safety and medical needs of individuals if needed.

-VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT-

JUNE 16 \$45 ENTRY FEE 16 TEAM
ROSTER 12 PERSONS PER TEAM CONTACT
BUNNY HILL 756-8700

CN RODEO & FESTIVAL '89 THEME: "TRIBAL AWARENESS"...

CREEK NATION FESTIVAL '89

June 17-18

Tennis Tourney

MEN AND WOMENS OPEN
SINGLES AND DOUBLES
MEN AND WOMEN INTERMEDIATE

MENS AND WOMENS 35
SINGLES AND DOUBLES
MIXED DOUBLES



Trophies: Awarded to Finalists in each event

Entry Fee: Singles - \$6.00

Doubles and Mixed Doubles - \$12.00 Per Team

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FORM: JUNE 14, 1989

For More Information Contact: Phyllis Davis or Lucien Berryhill, 918/756-8700

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fountainhead State Park Golf Course

(Eufaula, Oklahoma)



Qualifying Round - Saturday

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Entry Fee - \$40 (includes Green Fee)

Trophies & Cash Prizes - Awarded in each flight

For more information contact: Will Anquoe (918) 756-8700 ext.292

CREEK NATION TENNIS TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries open to any Indian and his/her spouse.
2. Entry fees must accompany entry blank. Entry fees must be paid before player will be entered in the draw.
3. Matches will start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 1989. (Players are responsible for checking starting times of their matches.)
4. Players will be subject to 15 minute default.
5. Matches will be best of 3 sets with the 12 point tiebreaker rule in effect.
6. Balls will be furnished.
7. Trophies will be presented to the finalists in each event.
8. Linesmen will be available if requested.
9. Tournament Director reserves the right to combine divisions if a scheduled division is canceled.
10. Consolations will be held in all events if size of draw permits.
11. Play will be continued under lights if necessary.
12. Players limited to 1 Singles and 1 Doubles plus Mixed Doubles.

The Draw will be made Thursday, June 15, 1989. Positively NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.

OTHER SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

17th Senior Citizens Games - Contact Evelyn Parker ext. 214

Childrens Games — Contact Jerrie On The Hill ext. 331

Horseshoes - Contact Richard Morgan, ext 363. Time 9:00 a.m. on site registration. Fee \$5.00

Archery Contests to Be Held Saturday

All Registrations are on site.

CHILDREN'S GAMES TO BE HELD-



A SCENE FROM LAST YEAR'S CHILDREN'S GAMES will be enacted again this year west of the Complex as Children's Games are held for youth ages one through five. Each year the games offer a lot of fun and competition for the tots and a break for parents!

Children's Games will be held at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, June 17 on the west side of the Creek Nation Complex. Some of the events for children of ages one through five will be: Individual races (boys and girls combined); Relay Races; Kicking a ball to a point and back (individual and team); Bouncing a ball to a point and back (Individual and Team); Carrying an egg or small ball on a Spoon Race and Jumping contest (Who can jump the furthest). Prizes will be awarded.

Sr. Citizens Games-

For the benefit of our elders this year, the '89 Festival and Rodeo activities will host special events for senior citizens. They are: a Rolling Pin Contest, Horseshoes,

Dominos, Frisbee and Dart Throw.

The games will start at 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning at the Omnplex Grounds and prizes will be awarded, according to Evelyn Parker, Coordinator.

THANKS ARTISTS-

We wish to thank the following artists for their contributions to the printed material involved in the publicity of the Rodeo and Festival: Bobby Satterfied, CN employee for his sign design; Thomas Berryhill, Jr., Okmulgee District Councilmember, for his artwork in redesigning a portion of the Rodeo & Festival logo; and David King, tribal member from Okemah, for his program cover concept and lettering for the souvenir program.

CREEK GIRLS VIE FOR PRINCESS CROWN — JUNE 10



Nilaree Arpoika

Nilaree Arpoika, 17 year old daughter of William and Debbie Arpoika of Indianola is a candidate for Creek Nation Princess 1989.

Nilaree is a senior at Indianola High School. Her hobbies include skiing, dancing modeling, singing, riding horses and participating in pageants.

Nilaree has received two scholarship awards from the Philadelphia Academy of Theatrical Arts to study acting, televisions commercials, television media and photogenic modeling.

She has won 37 trophies, 22 crowns, one plaque and 23 banners from beauty pageants.

She is a two time winner of the American Miss Over-all Photogenic title and was named three times as the American Miss Southern Belle.



Janita Eddrea Screechowl

Janita Screechowl, 17 is a candidate for Creek Nation Princess.

Janita is the daughter of Janice and Ed Screechowl of Sapulpa.

Janita is a junior at Sapulpa High School, where she is a member of the Future Farmers of America, the Symphonic Band, the Marching Band Flag Corp, and Indian Club.

Janita is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who in Pageants. She is also a 6 year member of 4-H, presently serving as president of the Sapulpa 4-H Club.

Janita is a member of South Heights Baptist Church and will be a U.S. Olympic torch runner in Creek County this summer.

She is the granddaughter of Josephine Factor of Bristow and Angie Screechowl of Weleetka.



Lisa Michelle McLemore

Lisa Michelle McLemore is a candidate for Creek Nation Princess. Lisa is the 17 year old daughter of Martin McLemore of Garland, Texas and Janie and the late Roy V. Kenneda of Okemah. She is the granddaughter of Marie McLemore of Harrah and Mrs. Leta Howard of Okemah.

Lisa is 1/4 Creek and 1/4 Cherokee. Lisa will be a senior at Okemah High School next fall.

Presently, Lisa is serving as the Lt. Governor of the Eastern Oklahoma Keywanettes, a division of Kiwanis International. Lisa is also a basketball cheerleader, a member of OHS Panther Marching Band, a reporter for the Panther Pause News and a member of the OHS Drama Club.

Lisa is listed in Who's Who Among American High Schools; selected as a Summer Junior Federal Intern to Washington, D.C.; and named as a National English Merit Award winner and Keywanette Gem Award recipient. She is active in the International Youth Corps. of Parents Without Partners. Lisa plans to attend Oklahoma State University to major in civil engineering.



Melody Butler

Melody Butler is a candidate for Creek Nation Princess. Melody is the 16 year old daughter of Elizabeth Butler of Dustin, Oklahoma.

Melody is in the 11th grade at Hanna. She has been the secretary of Hanna Indian Club for 1 year. Melody has been on the Principals Honor Roll since the ninth grade.

She has received awards for participating in Indian art contests, and she is active in all sports.

She has received awards in softball and volleyball.

Melody is the grand-daughter of Pauline Butler of Dustin.



Sharon Jones

Sharon Jo Jones of Bowlegs, Oklahoma is a candidate for Creek Nation Princess.

Sharon is 5/8 Creek, 1/4 Euchee and 1/8 Cherokee. Sharon is a member of the Sand Creek Tribal Town near Bristow, Ok.

Sharon has attended school at Gypsy elementary until the 7th grade and moved to the Wewoka area where she attended Justice School. She is a Junior at Bowlegs High School, and is active in basketball and track. Sharon is on

the Student Council; Treasurer for the Junior Class; Principal's Honor Roll for 3 years. She has received an Honorable Mention for All-Conference Guard for the Lady Bison Basketball Team; Honor Girl for Senior Graduation attendant (based on academic achievement).

Sharon is also active in the Youth 2000 Council and attended the 1st Native American Oklahoma Challenge - in the fight against Drug and Alcohol abuse. She is active in the Bowlegs Indian Club and attends Tribal Ceremonial dances.

Sharon is the daughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Wewoka, Ok. Her grandparents are Hazel Tiger of Okemah. Paternal grandparents are Phillip and Winey Yargee of Holdenville, Oklahoma.



Ramona "Lynnelle" Roberts

Ramona "Lynnelle" Roberts, is a candidate of Creek Nation Princess '89. She is the 20 year old daughter of KoKo Anderson of Sapulpa and Skipper Roberts.

Lynnelle will be a senior this fall at Central State University. She is majoring in Psychology. Lynnelle's hobbies include basketball, softball and volleyball.

Lynnelle is listed in Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Lynnelle has received a Sarkey Leadership Scholarship; Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship; The Earl L. Riley Presidential Scholarship; Creek Council Oak Scholarship; Creek Nation Incentive Grant Scholarship. She has also received awards from the Student Ambassador Program for incoming visitors at Bacone College i.e. Tribal Chiefs and from the Board of Trustees, visiting dignitaries and prospective students.

**C.N. PRINCESS PAGEANT
JUNE 10 — 7:00 p.m.
MOUND AUDITORIUM
Tribal Complex - Okmulgee
—No Admission Charge—**



PAGEANT JUDGES - Rhonda Richards, C.N. Princess '85, left, and Melinda Taryole, C.N. Princess '86, are among the five who will judge this year's pageant.

Judges Chosen for C.N. Princess Pageant

The public is invited to attend the Creek Nation Princess Pageant-June 10. The Pageant will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Pageant Judges are Susannah Factor, Educator from Ada, Ok., Pete Beaver, Educator from Muskogee, Rhonda Richards, former C.N. Princess '85, Melinda Taryole, C.N. Princess '86 and Gwendolyn Watson, Miss Indian Oklahoma '88.

Dr. Ruth Arrington, who has Emceed past pageants will again enhance the Program as M.C.

The entire evening will be exciting and entertaining, the public is encouraged to come early to insure themselves a seat.

The Okmulgee JOM Elementary Students will be offering several songs for entertainment during the time when scores are being tallied by the Committee.

The first three rows of seating will be reserved for the Judges, Contestants, VIP's, Parents of Contestants, the Committee and the JOM Students.

1989 CREEK NATION FESTIVAL & RODEO PARADE ROUTE

A Parade will be held through the streets of downtown Okmulgee, Saturday, June 17 at 4:00 p.m. At MNN press time, the Parade Marshall had not been selected.

Parade participants will gather at the Railroad Depot just North of 6th St., and proceed West down 6th St. to Central St.; turn North on Central St. to 3rd St., then back East to Railroad Depot. (part of 3rd Street is unpaved).

For more information contact Bernice Hale, 756-8700 ext. 201.

Deadline for entrants to the parade is June 14.

Categories for Cash Awards

Float Cash Awards: 1st Place - \$150.00; 2nd Place - \$100.00; 3rd Place - \$50.00.

Individual Cash Awards: 1st Place - \$150.00; 2nd Place - \$100.00; 3rd Place - \$50.00.

Riding Club Cash Awards: 1st Place - \$150.00; 2nd Place - \$100.00; 3rd Place - \$50.00.



Tiger Will Reign As C.N. Rodeo Queen



Brandy Susan Tiger

Brandy Susan Tiger will reign as Creek Nation Rodeo Queen for 1989.

Brandy will be crowned at the opening of the Friday night performance.

During her reign, Brandy will be given a schedule of events to attend, she is expected to attend the Cherokee Heritage Days in Tahlequah, the Sac and Fox All Indian Rodeo and the All Indian National Finals in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Brandy is a junior at Oktaha High School. She is the daughter of Sandra and John Tiger and the granddaughter of Susan Long.

The Rodeo Queen will be judged on Horsemanship, appearance, personality and ad sales. Judging will take place during the day on Friday, June 16.

GETTING THE WORD OUT!

The Communications Department has been busy these past months getting the word out on the upcoming Festival and Rodeo. In addition to press releases sent out local, state and to national media, and articles that have appeared in the Muskogee Nation News, the Communications Department has developed event flyers, Festival poster and now a 30-second television and radio public service announcement for local media on the Festival and Rodeo.

A 15-minute music video featuring scenes from recent Festivals and Rodeos entitled "Where the Action Is," has been sent, by request to the Tulsa Visitors and Convention Center for additional public awareness.

Also prepared were bumper stickers, a Rodeo flyer and a souvenir program on the Festival and Rodeo (the Festival had, in previous years, not been included in the Program). With all the hard work by the Committee and everyone involved, this should be one of the most publicized and successful events in recent years.

GREAT JOB ON THE FESTIVAL SIGN, GUYS!



CREEK NATION RODEO & FESTIVAL '89 PREPARATIONS INCLUDE the construction of an 8' x 16' wood sign that was placed at the corner of the Omniplex, the site of this year's festivities, at Loop 56 and U.S. Highway 75. The artist of the sign is Bobby Satterfield, left, who works for the Creek Nation Facilities Department. Satterfield, Okmulgee, is a self-taught artist. Shown with him are Bill Dowdy, Facilities, who completed the carpentry work on the sign, and Rick Wolfe, Manager of Facilities, who was the engineer on the sign project.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

WELCOME TO THE '89 RODEO & FESTIVAL!



MEMBERS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL WISH TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 1989 RODEO & FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE OMNIPLEX JUNE 16-18. They are, left to right, front row: Press Johnson, Okfuskee District, George Almerigi, Okmulgee District, Johnson Buck, Hughes/Seminole District, Helen Chupco, Muskogee District, Donna Rhodes, Tulsa District, Leah Stacy, Okmulgee District, Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa District, Jonas Dunson, Hughes/Seminole, Kenneth Childers, Tulsa District and Speaker of the House, and Bill Burden, Okfuskee District. Second Row, left to right, Alexander Thomas, Wagoner District, Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District, Carney Roberts (former representative Okfuskee/Seminole District, replaced by Bill Fife), Robert Buck, Hughes/Seminole District, Frank Kamp, Second Speaker and McIntosh District, Larry Bible, Tulsa District, Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee District, Roy Bear, Creek District, Tommy Newton, McIntosh District, Clarence Cloud, Creek District, Ed Frye, Creek District, Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee District and Barton Williams, Okmulgee District. Not picture are: Mickey Primeaux, Wagoner District and Sargeant at Arms, Harley Little, Muskogee District and Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District.

NOTICE TO FESTIVAL & RODEO GOERS ON \$1 GATE FEE-

The \$1 maintenance and security fee (gate charge) for this year's Rodeo and Festival '89 will allow the spectator and participant to be able to get into all of the planned activities at the Omniplex, **including the Rodeo.** However, if the person wishes to leave the Omniplex grounds at any time during the day, **be sure and keep your ticket, so that you can get back in!**

CN RODEO & FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



"BINGO UNDER THE BIG TOP" WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE FESTIVITIES THIS YEAR as the Creek Nation Okmulgee Bingo Hall will conduct a Bingo Game under the tent on the Omniplex Grounds Saturday, June 17th at 1:00 P.M. "We want to welcome everyone out and see how our high stakes bingo operates and just to have a good time," said Ray Barnett, Okmulgee Bingo Hall Manager. This photo was taken last summer when Ray held a Bingo game outside on the Council House lawn, Okmulgee, as part of the Creek Council House celebration.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

Juried Arts & Crafts Competition Hosted by Council House-

The Creek Council House Museum in conjunction with the 15th Annual Creek Nation Festival will host a Juried Arts and Crafts Competition.

Award ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in seven categories, and a Grand Award Ribbon for "Best of Show".

Categories are: 1) **Painting**-Oils, watercolors, acrylics, gouache, mixed media. 2) **Drawings**-Pencil, Pen & Ink, colored pencil, oil pastels. 3) **Textiles**-Traditional dress, contemporary Native American clothing, quilts, weaving. 4) **Traditional Crafts**-Feather fans, shell shakers, gourd rattles, finger woven sashes, wood sculptures. 5) **Beadwork**-Beaded jewelry, buckles, keychains, belts, lighters. 6) **Jewelry**-Silverwork, silver and turquoise, shell jewelry (not to include beadwork jewelry). 7) **Other Crafts**-Aprons, T-towels, pot holders, wall hangings, ceramics, leatherwork, all other items that do not fit into other categories.

All artists must bring their entries for the Arts and Crafts Competition to the Creek Council House Museum by Saturday, June 10, 1989 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

The Arts and Crafts Exhibit will be open to the public for viewing and purchase on Thursday, June 15 thru Saturday, June 16, 1989. Twenty percent (20%) of sales of artwork will be retained by the Creek Council House Museum.

All entrants must be 1/4 degree Muscogee (Creek) citizen to participate.

For more information contact Sunshine King, 756-2324.

**FATHER'S DAY DINNER
JUNE 14 11:00 AM
CN DINING HALL AT
OKMULGEE COMPLEX**

Okmulgee Olympics Team Practice-

Students that attend Okmulgee and Beggs schools are invited to be members of this year's Okmulgee Indian Community Olympic team.

The Annual Creek Nation Olympics will be held June 16 at the Omniplex.

For more information on the practice schedule, eligibility, registration and consent forms, contact George Tiger, at 918-756-8700, Ext. 278. He will give you all the details for the teams.

CREEK NATION FESTIVAL '89 FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT ALL-INDIAN MEN & WOMENS JUNE 16-18 AT OMNIPLEX

**(Located at Hwy 75 & Loop 56, Okmulgee)
TEAM LIMIT: 24 MENS, 16 WOMENS**

**ENTRY FEE: \$100, DEADLINE: JUNE 2
TROPHIES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th**

Team Trophies

**First Place Jackets
Second Place Tote Bags
Third Place T-Shirts
Sportsmanship
MVP & All-Star Jackets**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT RICK
WOLFE OR BUNNY HILL 918-756-8700 (MENS
TOURNAMENT) OR VERNON BUCK, 405-672-
1823 (WOMENS TOURNAMENT). NO
PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED.**

New Changes Should Help Streamline Tournament.

CN Festival All-Indian, Men & Womens Fastpitch Tournament Begins June 16-

The Creek Nation Festival Softball Tournaments for men and women, have been a significant part of the crowd attraction during the annual tribal holiday weekend.

While the tourneys have been successful, they have not been without minor problems. This year's Executive Festival and Rodeo Committee believes many of the problems have been addressed.

Some of the changes include an entirely different format for the women's bracket and a lesser number of men's teams competing for the Festival Championship.

The women's tournament will be an All-Indian fastpitch softball rather than the open slowpitch affair of years past. It is hoped that the Festival tournament can become a regular stop on the women's fastpitch circuit.

Limiting the men's field to 24 teams should allow for better organization says Festival Committee member Rick Wolfe. In the past, the tournament has been too large to keep at the tribal facilities and sites in Okmulgee had to be used. Even with the use of Okmulgee City Parks, the tournament hasn't been decided before midnight Sunday in recent memory.

Making the tournament smaller will allow the competition to play at the available diamonds at the Omniplex and should cause the finals to be played early Sunday

evening.

Team members will still be required to pay one dollar at the gate, but the fee will be good all day and allows participants access to all of the Festival.

Other changes that should keep the tournament more organized will apply to both men's and women's teams.

Those changes include the use of official scorekeepers and a ground crew to keep the fields playable.

The use of an official scorekeeper will allow a much shorter waiting period between games. Teams will be required to submit their lineups to the official scorekeeper by the fourth inning of the preceding game.

The full time ground crew will serve not only as a means of keeping the field neat and playable, it will also allow for games that run into extra innings or delayed by other reasons to keep the tournament running closer to schedule. Times for ground crews will be scheduled in the tournament brackets.

Though changes are being made, some things stay the same. Wolfe says the awards for the 1989 Festival Tourney winners will be as nice as before. Jackets, t-shirts, tote bags, All Star recognition and a Most Valuable Player Award will be presented as prizes this year.

The Festival Tournament will begin Friday, June 16.

—INDIAN COUNTRY EVENTS—

Chilocco Alumni to Hold 105th Reunion-

The Chilocco Alumni will conduct its 105th reunion June 9-11, 1989 at the Marriott Hotel, 10918 East 41st Street, Tulsa.

This year the Tulsa Chilocco Northeastern Chapter will host the 1989 reunion. Chilocco graduates, former students and former Chilocco employees are cordially invited to attend. We will also recognize Miss Chiloccas from the beginning of the school until the closing of the school. The graduates of 1919, 1929, 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969 and 1979 are encouraged to attend.

Friday, June 9, time has been set aside to reminisce about good times and bad times while at Chilocco. It wasn't funny then but, you can talk about it now. You might want to tape record some of these stories so bring your tape recorder. This will be at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. A fashion show will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the pow wow will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend the fashion show and pow wow.

Saturday, June 10, festivities include Company "C" Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; General Business meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Banquet at 5:15 p.m. and Dance at 9:00 p.m.

The Fife Collection Company will feature a line of custom designed fashions incorporating Indian art into each piece. This innovative company was formed by Jimmie Carole Stewart, Sharon Mouss, Phyliss Fife, Sandy Wilson, Robih Fife and Kelly Shannon Hyde. They have a strong desire to keep their Indian heritage alive by keeping Indian art and techniques visible.

The Fife Collection offers custom design service which stresses quality and uniqueness in its fashions. Designers are available for consultation. Clothing modeled at the fashion show will be for sale.

If you are an alumnus and did not receive reservation information, contact Emma Jean Falling, 918/266-1626 or Emily Bunny at 918/561-8723 for further information.

UNITY Conference Set June 23-27 -

The United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Inc., has scheduled their Annual Youth Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Denver, Colorado June 23-27. UNITY is the only national organization which has concentrated its efforts on Tribal youth for the development of leadership skills and academic excellence. For more information, call Charla Dawes at the UNITY National Office in Oklahoma City, (405) 424-3010.

North American Indigenous Games Set-

Indigenous athletes from the USA and Canada are invited to meet on common ground in the spirit of true sportsmanship to compete in sporting events and to come together in cultural and social activities relating to the North American Indigenous Games.

The event is scheduled to be held in Edmonton, Aleberta, Canada from June 30 to July 8, 1990. For further information contact North American Indigenous Games, Box 8391, Station "F", Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6H 4W6.

Vietnam Era Veterans National Pow-wow Set-

The Eighth Annual Vietnam Era Veterans National Convention and Pow-wow will be held June 8-11 at the Potawatomi Tribal Grounds at Shawnee.

Camping grounds and Recreational Vehicle hookups are available. Recreational activities have been scheduled as well as veterans workshops, seminars and ceremonies.

Grand entries begin Friday at 8:00 p.m., Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and the dance contest begins Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The theme for this year's national pow-wow is Native American Veterans; Have we been forgotten?

For more information contact the Oklahoma Vietnam Era Veterans Intertribal Association at 624 N. Broadway, Shawnee, OK. 74801 or phone 405/275-2525.



200 Years of Census Taking

APRIL 1- CENSUS DAY!

Racial Relations Conference Set June 4-6 at OU-

The Second National Conference on Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education will be held June 4-6 at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. The conference is targeted toward higher education senior administrative officers, faculty and administrators in the various service areas within universities. The conference grew out of concern over the number of incidents of intolerance and racial and ethnic conflict on college and university campuses. For further information, contact Margaret Abudu Green, 405-325-3936.

CREEK NATION

15th Annual Indian

Multi Sanction-Host Region AIRAO - Contestants Must Be ¼ Degree Indian Blood

RODEO

JUNE 16 and 17, 1989
8:00 p.m.

RODEO ARENA

Located One Mile North of Okmulgee, Okla.

50/50 POT - EACH NIGHT!

\$7,500

PRIZE MONEY

EVENT	PRIZE MONEY	ENTRY FEE
Saddle Bronc Riding	\$1,000	\$60.
Bareback Bronc Riding	\$1000	60.
Bull Riding	\$1000	60.
Barrel Racing	\$1000	60.
Calf Roping	\$1000	60.
Steer Wrestling	\$1000	60.
Team Roping Change Partners-Enter Twice	\$1000	60.
Calf Roping Sat. & Sun.-50 years or older	\$200	\$25.

Stock Contractor: Mendell, Talala, Oklahoma

14 & under Junior Events:

\$10 Entry Fee - \$50 Prize Money

Friday & Saturday Steer Riding & Barrel Racing - 2 Performances

Katy Williams - Secretary, Books open June 5 & 6 - 2p.m. - 10p.m.

Phone Number: 501-289-4261

PRIZE MONEY!
CALF SCRAMBLE!

Admission: \$1.00
Children 6 and under Free
Senior Citizens 65 and over Free





PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX WAS AMONG GUESTS AT A RECEPTION for Creek-Seminole State Senator, Enoch Kelly Haney, left, given by the Honorable Robert V. Cullison, President Pro Tempore, Oklahoma State Senate, and held May 10 in Oklahoma City.

-Photo by George Tiger

CN Community Health Services Health Fair

The Creek Nation Community Health Service will be holding a Health Fair at the Creek Nation Complex on June 2, starting at 9:00 A.M. and continuing until 3:00 P.M.

Old Eyeglasses Needed By Community Health-

The Office of Community Health is developing a project to gather from individuals, used, discarded and unwanted eyeglasses. Collection boxes will be placed at all clinics and the Complex for your convenience in donating your unwanted eyeglasses and eyeglass cases. For more information, contact the Community Health Service Dept. of Okmulgee, 918-756-8700 ext. 361.

Four Volume Sets of CN Videos Available-

Creek Nation Video Programs are now available for purchase in a four volume set for \$50 or \$12.50 each. There will no longer be a two to four week delay in filling orders for video tapes as was necessary in the past. Tapes can be purchased in the Communications Department or by mail. Call 918/756-8700, ext 310 for more information.

Gospel Singing at Nuyaka Indian Baptist

There will be a Gospel Singing at Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church, June 3 at the church located thirteen miles northeast of Okemah, and nine miles north on Highway 56 and four and a half miles east (17 miles west of Okmulgee on 56 Highway, four miles south). Everyone is welcome, concession open and MC is Banson Hicks. It starts at 7:30 p.m.

The resources that will be available will be: Nutrition, Cholesterol Screening, Vision, Audiology, EKG- Dental, Community Health Representative information, Red Cross information on CPR and First Aid and other resources.

If more information is needed please contact the Community Health Service Department, at 756-8700, Joanna Thomas.



SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL (TAHLEQUAH, OK) STUDENTS HONORED for their outstanding accomplishments in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities include four Creek youth. Shown at the Awards Assembly held at the Cherokee Heritage Center are: left to right, front row; Dana Bear, Okemah, Creek; Thomasena Barnett, Bristow, Creek; Janice McCarter, Oaks, Cherokee; Abby Snell, Chewey, Cherokee; Ervina Herrera, Florida, Seminole; Trude Williams, Kansas, Ok., Creek; Second row, left to right; Amon Baker, Joe Byrd, Cherokee councilmembers; Callie Beniot, Chewey, Cherokee; Tracy Tiger, Cherokee, NC, Eastern Band of Cherokee; Tammy Lee, Tahlequah, Cherokee; Nancy Starr, Wetumka, Creek; Back row, Goodlow Proctor, councilman; Jeff Wacoche, Tahlequah, Cherokee; Cicero Osceola, Florida, Seminole; Joe Leach, Tahlequah, Cherokee; Blake Langworthy, Collinsville, Cherokee; John Keicher, Cherokee Nation Deputy Chief.



CHECOTAH'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR ROBBIN EMERSON, left, accepts her Teacher of the Year pin from Barbara Clark, president of the Checotah Education Association. Emerson, a Checotah High School Graduate, teaches sixth grade science and coaches the sixth grade basketball team. Emerson is married to Don Emerson, a coach at Hitchita. She is the daughter of Dan and Keitha Childers of Checotah.

-photo courtesy of the Lake Eufaula World

-CN COMMUNITY HEALTH NOTICE- CN Eyeglass Program Lowers Applicant Age-

The Creek Nation Office of Community Health has changed its age guidelines for providing services to elderly Creek Indians. **The age limit has been lowered to 50 and over for those who are in need of vision examinations and eyeglasses.** To qualify for this service an individual must present the following information: verification of Indian ancestry, ie. CDIB card; verification of household income. An individual or household must be at or below the poverty level to qualify for this service; reside within the Creek Nation boundary; complete and sign an application form. The income guidelines are as follows: **For a household size of one- the monthly income is \$480.83; for a household size of two- the monthly income is \$644.17; for a household size of three- the monthly income is \$807.50; for a household size of four- the monthly income \$970.83; for a household size of five- the monthly income \$1,134.17; for six, the monthly income is \$1,297.50. Add \$163.34 per month for additional household members. For more information contact the CN CHR office at 918-756-8700.**



Robbie Mead

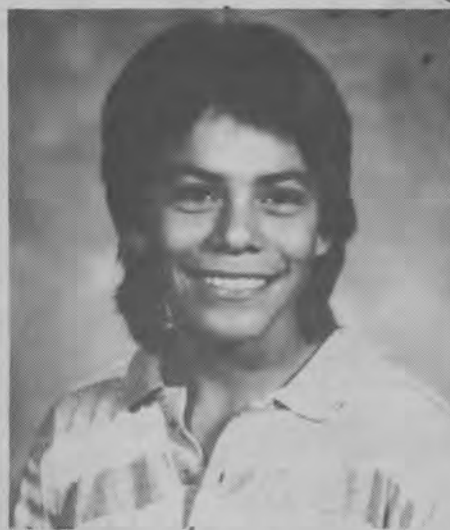
Creek Student Chosen Dustin Valedictorian-

Robbie Mead is the Valedictorian for the 8th Grade Class at Dustin Grade School.

Robbie is the daughter of Jack and Vickie Mead of Dustin. She is the grand-daughter of the late Clarence and Katherine Mead of Wetumka and Cecil and Peggy Carder of Okmulgee.

Robbie is a 14 year old student at Dustin. She is the 8th grade Class President and has served as Parliamentarian for the local FHA Chapter. Robbie was also the Dustin Senior Miss Fourth of July '88.

Her hobbies include playing basketball, riding bikes and just hanging out with her friends.



Marvin Goate

Holdenville Freshman Receives Awards-

Martin Goate, a freshman at Holdenville High School, has received the National Science Olympiad Award for placing in the top ten academically in his class along with several awards for weightlifting.

Listed on the Principal's Honor Roll, Goate is also a member of the Holdenville powerlifting team. Goate placed first in the 98 pound class at the Blanchard Invitational Junior High School Tournament and second at the Holdenville Jr. High meet. For his efforts, Goate received the Most Improved Bench Press Award and the Most Improved Squats Award for 1989.

Goate's other interests include playing drums or electric bass in his family's gospel singing group the "Lively Stones", playing football or programming computers.

Goate is the son of Larry and Lydia Harrison and the great grandson of the late John and Athelene Goate.



GULF COAST

Sapulpa Senior Repeats as State Champ-

Sapulpa High School's premier distance runner, Von "Skeet" Bemo, has repeated as an Oklahoma high school state champion with his decisive finish in the 3,200 meter race at the state championship meet in Moore on May 15.

Bemo took the lead from the beginning of the eight lap race. Edmond High School runner J.C. Goza matched Bemo stride for stride until the sixth lap, where he eased ahead. Trailing for only a lap, Bemo made his move in the seventh lap and kicked on the last leg of the race to pull away from Goza and the rest of the field. Bemo won by 80 yards with a time of 9:40.22.

Bemo, son of Dink and Lena Bemo of Sapulpa, repeats as the state's 3,200 meter champion. He concludes his high school career fulfilling the expectations of his coach Dwight Pickering.

"I don't think any other athlete at Sapulpa has had the impact on a program like Skeet," said Pickering.

Among his accomplishments: 10 time All Conference in track and cross country; four time regional champion; four time conference champion and five time Oklahoma All State selection for track and cross country. Bemo has also set 12 school records and 10 course records. His best 5,000 meter time last season was the second fastest in America.

"He's a little guy with a big heart," said Pickering. "He has shown other kids what dedication and hard work can do. A number of kids have come out for track because of his achievements."

Creek Places in NSU Little Olympics-

James Brian Hale, the son of David Hale of Cromwell and Deborah Moses Hale of Tahlequah, recently placed first in the Little Olympics mile run at the



James Brian Hale

NEOSU track field. His time was six minutes, 15 seconds. James also placed first in the Long Jump at 13 feet and 6 inches. The last two

years he has maintained second place in the mile run during the Little Olympics. James has ran in the Symposium of the American Indian Run at NEOSU, where he came in third over all (adults and children) in the two mile event.

James also plays soccer with the Cherokee Nation Soccer League. His team "Arrows" has won 9-9 this spring and the team is up for first place. He is also a member of the Cherokee Elementary Ball Handlers Basketball Demonstration group. They have performed at NSU basketball games, Tahlequah high school and various other schools in Cherokee County. He is eleven years old and a fifth-grader at Cherokee Elementary. He has maintained an A & B average since the first grade.

James is Creek/Pawnee and the grandson of the late Rev. Billy and Lucy Hale of Cromwell and Floyd Moses of Yukon, Etta Fixico of Hollywood, Florida and the great-great grandson of the late Lovinie Simmer Fixico of Castle.

CN CHR Program Makes Car Seats Available

The Creek Nation Community Health Representatives Office now has car seats available. Applications for the car seats may be obtained from the Community Health Representatives (CHR) office at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Requirements for the car seats are listed below:

1. A completed application.
2. A CDIB and Tribal enrollment card.
3. A \$10 deposit (partially refunded upon return of seat).
4. Reside within the Creek Nation boundaries.

The Car Seat Program is a federal program and has been in

effect since 1983. There is now an Oklahoma law requiring all infants and small children to be buckled or restrained in a car seat. For more information contact the CHR office at 756-8700.

Tulsa University Grad-

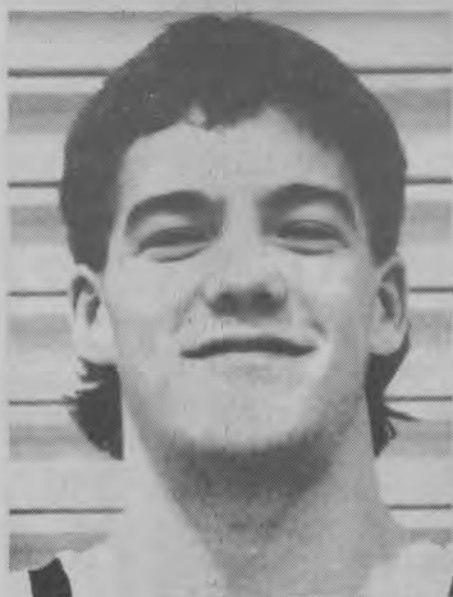
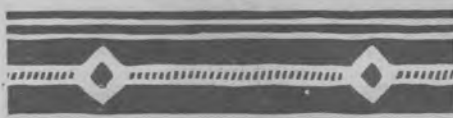


Eugenia Kelly

Congratulations to Eugenia Kelly, who graduated from the University of Tulsa, May 6. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her goal is to work with the Indian Health Service. She has been the recipient of the Creek Tribal Incentive Grant award since 1987 for a G.P.A of 3.0 and above.

Eugenia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelly, will pursue a Masters of Public Health degree next Spring at the University of Oklahoma Medical College at Tulsa.

Eugenia participated in the 1988 Emory University and Morehouse School of Medicine and Center for Disease Control Health Fellowship for Gifted Minority Students in Georgia.



OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF AMERICA has announced that Todd Mitchel Harris, Creek from Hays, Kansas, has been selected as a new member because of outstanding merit and accomplishment as an American High School student. Todd is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Harrison, all of Plainville, Kansas.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES—



FOUR INDIAN SPORTS GREATS WERE INDUCTED INTO THE AMERICAN INDIAN ATHLETIC Hall of Fame during gala ceremonies held May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sheraton-Kensington Hotel, Tulsa- they are: left to right, Bill Thorne, Michigan, representing the late Taffy Abel, amateur and professional hockey player; James Aron Ingram, Enville, Oklahoma, outstanding athlete in baseball, track and field and basketball; Mrs. Euel Moore, Tishamingo, Oklahoma, representing her late husband, "Monk" Moore, sports great in baseball, professional minor and major league (who passed away this past February); and Alvin Williams, Tulsa, Oklahoma, amateur and professional boxing great. The Invocation at the banquet was given by Charles Chibitty, Comanche WWII Codetalker; the Posting of Colors by the Muscogee Honor Guard; Welcome by Robert L. Bennett, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame; Ben Shoemaker, Board of Directors, introduced the Master of Ceremonies, George Tiger of the Creek Nation; Turner Cochran recognized the former inductees and the guest speaker for the evening was legendary Abe Lemmons, Head Basketball Coach at Oklahoma City University. Milton Kidwell, Board of Directors gave the Closing remarks. Other Hall of Fame Board Members are; Sidney M. Carney, Vice-Chairman, and Raymond P. Lightfoot.

Creek Students Attend Leadership Classes

Four Creek students attended the First Native American Oklahoma Challenge held May 10 at the Central Plaza in Oklahoma City. This workshop was held by the state Department of Transportation to help students develop leadership skills to fight the drug and alcohol problems among students in school.

This was the first Oklahoma Challenge for Native Americans and schools from different

Students Honored at Banquet-



MELANIE FIXICO, CENTER, ACCEPTS HER CERTIFICATE from Judith Pickering of the Eufaula Indian Community at a banquet for all Indian students in the Eufaula public school system. The banquet was to provide special recognition for achievements during the school year. Delivering the keynote address was Turner Bear, a Creek citizen employed by the Cherokee Nation. Former Creek Nation Princess Alice King provided entertainment. The Eufaula Community also presented identification bracelets to all graduating seniors.

sections of the state participated.

Three students from Bowlegs attended. They were; Sharon Jones, Junior; Pamela Yargee, Ninth grader and Clarissa Roberts, Eighth grade.

One student from Justice School attended, Esther Yargee, Sixth grade. These students also participated in the Youth 2000 Council and in the RISE program. Two sponsors, Tarpie and Amy Yargee, attended.

Church/Ceremonial Ground Applications Taken-

Applications are now being accepted from Creek ceremonial grounds and churches within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries, for water and sewer assistance.

The Business and Governmental Services Committee of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is currently conducting a needs assessment to determine the number of churches and grounds that are in need of water and sewer services.

Only those churches and grounds that were **not** serviced when water and sewer service was available three years ago are eligible to apply. The Business and Governmental Services Committee will determine the amount of money needed to fund the project.

To make an application for the services, contact Steve Wilson, Division of Community Services at 756-8700, ext. 230, or write Wilson at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Deadline for receiving completed application is June 2,

OILS Date Set-

Oklahoma Indian Legal Service (OILS) will be usually available the first Thursday of each month to meet with you at the Creek Nation to discuss civil legal problems. OILS doesn't handle criminal cases. Call OILS for appt. at 1-800-759-0805. Walk-in appointments are welcome and will be seen first come, first serve basis. The next date at Creek Nation is however, the second Thursday or June 8th.

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW (Continued from Page 3)

by commission shall have their commissions expired at the next meeting of the Council.

The Council and Chief also dispute the seating of Shelly Crowe on the Board. The Chief claims that he removed Crowe by an Executive Order and the Council claims Cox does not have the authority to remove an the authority to remove a Board member approved by ordinance with an executive order.

In other legislative matters, the Council voted not to place bills for the Gaming Operations Authority Board, another authorizing the Office of Justice to declare the contract between the tribe and Indian Country U.S.A. null and void and a bill establishing the procedures and causes for the removal of tribal officers.

Many Council members did not receive the bills until the Friday before the Regular Session. All three items are somewhat complex and the lack of time to familiarize the contents of the bill made many members wary of action. The three bills will be considered at a later date.

The June Planning Session of the Council will be moved to Tuesday, June 13, to avoid any last minute conflicts in preparation for the Creek Nation Festival. The next Regular Session of the Council will be Saturday, June 24 at Okmulgee.

COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 24TH- 10:00 AM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Readers Enjoy MNN-

Dear MNN,

I read the Muscogee Nation News. I enjoy the paper very much. It is a good way for the Creek people to know what is going on among our people. Keep up the good work.

Truly Yours,

Ramona Gray

Dear MNN,

I am so glad to read the Muscogee Nation News. It has very interesting articles and all of our seven children are grown now and we receive the paper and love to read it.

Mrs. B.L. Harris

Plainville, Kansas

IN MEMORIAM—

Gerald Wilkinson, a long-time Indian rights activist and executive director of the Albuquerque-based, NM-based National Indian Youth Council, died of a massive heart attack in Washington, D.C. April 27 at the age of 50. He will be greatly missed in Indian Country.



Este Mvskokvlke Party Report-

-submitted by Jorene Coker

Members of the *Este Mvskokvlke* Political Party have been in attendance at all Planning Sessions of the National Council and at the regular Council meetings since establishment of the Party. However, the party has been giving close scrutiny of the Council. *Este Mvskokvlke* commends the new Council in that most of the members have been endeavoring to develop meaningful legislation, and the Party supports the majority of legislative actions.

The upcoming Council election in October is currently the focal point of *Este Mvskokvlke's* agenda. The Party has been considering ways and means as to what it can do to promote a good turnout during the election of Council members. It is planned to publish a Red Sticks newsletter and will be issued in May. Various fund raising projects are also being contemplated.

A legislative report given by Tom Berryhill, Jr., at the last meeting of *Este Mvskokvlke* was greatly appreciated.

Several members of the Party were in attendance at the luncheon for Senators Daniel Inouye and Don Nichols on April 24. The members felt greatly honored to have the opportunity to meet Senator Inouye and to hear him speak. Senator Inouye seems to be one who is greatly concerned about Indians and their problems, and members of *Este Mvskokvlke* are being urged to write the Senator of their concerns.

The National Council is to be applauded for their work in revising and adopting new election laws. It is believed the Creek voters will benefit greatly from the changes in the next election.

Okmulgee Dental Clinic Now Provides Dental Services to Indian Adults-

The Creek Nation Okmulgee Dental Clinic is now providing dental services for adult patients via a monthly adult sign-up. The sign-up is on the second Friday of every month 1:00 p.m. On the sign-up day you will be given an appointment for an examination - **no treatment is provided on the sign-up day.**

You must be present at the clinic to receive a letter describing the services provided at the Okmulgee Clinic, an appointment slip and a copy of our broken appointment policy.

Following the initial examina-

New Traffic Signals Through CN Cooperative Effort-



NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS WERE INSTALLED IN FRONT OF THE COMPLEX, at the intersection of Loop 56 and U.S. Highway 75, Okmulgee, through a cooperative effort of the Governor's Office, Office of the Principal Chief, the City of Okmulgee and the Department of Transportation. The much-needed traffic signal project was completed in May and is expected to greatly reduce the potential for accidents at this busy intersection, which has been the site of numerous collisions, including fatalities.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

Vision Screening for School Children

July 10-31 the Creek Nation Office of Community Health shall be performing vision screenings in the eight (8) districts of the Creek Nation.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN

- A. Priority enrolled K-12th grade. Kindergarten must have a signed document stating child is enrolled in school (fall, 1989).**
- B. First grade thru 12th grade child must have a report card from last year school attendance to be made available at screening site.**
- C. Present Creek tribal enrollment card at screening location.**
- D. Parent/Guardian must accompany child to screening location. Parent shall be responsible for conduct of children at all times during screening day.**
- E. Adults/Guardian of children other than parents, must present a signed statement of consent by parent to allow screening of child.**
- F. Reside within Creek Nation Boundary.**
- G. Individuals will be screened in their respective districts only.**
- H. No screening will be performed at the Tribal Complex during the field day screenings.**

-TENTATIVE SCREENING SCHEDULE-

July 10-11	Muskogee District	July 20-21	Rogers/Mayes/Wagoner Districts
Monday & Tuesday	Muskogee Community Center	Thursday, Friday	Coweta Indian Center
July 12-13	Creek District	July 24-25	McIntosh District
Wednesday, Thursday	Bristow Community Center	July 26-27	Hughes District
July 14-17	Okmulgee District	Wednesday, Thursday	First Indian Baptist
Friday, Monday	CN Mound Bldg.		Holdenville
July 18-19	Tulsa District	July 28 & 31	Okfuskee District
Tuesday, Wednesday	Tulsa Coalition	Friday and Monday	Okemah Indian Center
	1740 W. 41st St.		



Creek Student Rates Superior in Music-

Matthew Cummings, fifth grade student at Stidham School, received two superior ratings in Music - one on a saxophone solo and the other on a mixed ensemble, at the Wetumka Band Festival, held April 22. He is the son of Washington and Linda Cummings. Washington is with the Creek Nation Lighthorse.

Matthew is shown at left with Glenn Sizemore, the Stidham School Band Director.



—OBITUARIES—

CURTIS SIMMERS, JR.

Wake services for Curtis Charles Simmers, Jr., were held Friday, May 5, 1989 at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel in Okmulgee.

Funeral services were held May 6 at the New Town Methodist Church. Rev. Joe Hill and Rev. Mike Harjo officiated. Interment followed in the Miller Family Cemetery north of Newtown.

Simmers, age 20, was born February 13, 1969 in Claremore and died Tuesday, May 2, 1989 in Baltimore, Maryland as a result of an electrical accident. He was employed as a lineman with Hinkel and McCoy Electrical Company.

Survivors include his parents, Curtis and Mary Simmers, former Okmulgee residents now of Finksburg, Maryland; four brothers, Edward Simmers of Sapulpa, Charles Simmers of North Carolina, Tobias Simmers of Bristow and Michael Simmers of Oaks; four sisters, Jacquelyn Simmers of Sapulpa, Carole Sue Simmers of Tulsa and Valerie Simmers and Anna Simmers, both of Bristow; his grandmother, Sarah Simmers of Okmulgee; and a host of relatives.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Kahbeah, Jr., Stephen Kahbeah, Rodney Autaubo, Timothy Autaubo, Robert Smith, Jr., Tommy Grayson, Jr., Nolan Grayson and Terry Jones, Jr.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kelley Funeral Home.



AMOS STARR

Amos Starr, 82 year old resident of Okmulgee, died Tuesday, May 9, 1989.

Starr was born April 9, 1907 in Okmulgee County. He was retired from the Eagle Picher Smelter in Henryetta and was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Yargee Starr of the home; five sons, Harry Starr, Davenport, Iowa, Frankie Starr, Okmulgee, Edward Starr, Tulsa, Doug Starr, Tulsa and Walter Starr, Beebe, Arkansas; two daughters, Etta Checotah, Okmulgee and Colleen Hill of Sapulpa; 15 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Wake services were held Thursday, May 11 at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 12 at the First Indian Baptist Church, Okmulgee with the Rev. Bridge Chuckluck officiating.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery under the direction of the Kelley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Danny

Checotah, Everett Checotah, Johnny Joe Asbury, Edward Starr, Frankie Starr and Harry Starr.

LIZZIE H. ROBISON

Funeral services were held for Lizzie Harjo Robison, 85 of Tulsa on Tuesday, May 9, 1989 at Moore's Memory Chapel in Tulsa. Wake service was held May 8. Mrs. Robison died May 6, 1989.

She is survived by two daughters, Kathleen Butler, Tulsa, and Dorothy Ayres, Reno, Nevada; 14 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; one brother, Johnson Harjo, Okemah, and one sister, Melissa Tiger, Okemah.

Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

ALICE P. FRANK

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice P. Frank, 81, were held May 9, 1989 in the Parks Brothers Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jackson Deere officiating. Frank died May 6, 1989 at the St. John Medical Center in Tulsa.

She was born at Foster on February 1, 1908. She was the daughter of Thomas and Amy (Harlen) Pernel. She married Joseph Edward Frank at Sulphur in 1942 and he preceded her in death on January 19, 1968. Frank was a member of the Arbeka Methodist Church and a resident of the Okemah area most of her life.

Survivors include one son, Edward Frank, Glenpool; one daughter, Amy Jo Harjo, Seattle, Washington; three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Interment was in the Frank Family Cemetery under the direction of the Parks Brothers Funeral Home.

DELLA FIXICO

Services for Della Fixico, 63, of Weleetka were held Thursday, May 18 at Calvary Faith Temple with Brother Chris Harjo officiating assisted by Bro. Joe Grayson. Interment was in the Fixico Family Cemetery under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home.

Wake service was held Wednesday, May 17 at Calvary Faith Temple in Henryetta.

Mrs. Fixico was born July 25, 1925 in Henryetta and died May 15, 1989 in Okemah. A homemaker, she was a member of the Arbeka Indian Church.

Survivors include sons, John Fixico and Robert Fixico, both of Henryetta; daughter, Carol Fixico of Weleetka; brothers, Benjamin Sumka, Foster Sumka and Perryman Sumka, all of Henryetta; sisters Melinda Sumka, Polly Wright and Hipsis Sumka, all of Henryetta; and two grandchildren.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES- Special Session of February 16, 1989

INVOCATION: Helen Chupco, Muskogee District

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken, with the Speaker declaring a quorum of Twenty-one (21) present and Five (5) absent. Those absent were: Thomas Berryhill, Okmulgee District; Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa District; Tommy Newton, McIntosh District; Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District; Micky Primeaux, Wagoner/Mays.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. An Ordinance of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 88-41 to Include the Administration on Aging Elderly Nutrition Program, Title II - Indian Child Welfare, Family Violence Prevention and Services

Section 101: Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. The National Council has delegated to the Principal Chief under NCA 88-41 the authority to enter into contracts for the 1989 Fiscal Year with federal, state, and other entities for the tribal delivery of necessary services to Indians within the Muskogee (Creek) Nation.

B. There are three (3) federal contracts that are applied for annually that were not included in NCA 88-41 at Section 153, A, 2, Department of Health and Human Services to include the following: Administration on Aging Elderly Nutrition, Title II Indian Child Welfare, and Family Violence Prevention and Service.

C. The Muskogee (Creek) Nation desires to continue these programs and re-apply to the federal government for funding.

Section 102. The National Council hereby amends NCA 88-41 at Section 153 A, 1., Department of Interior, to include the following: Title II, Indian Child Welfare

Section 103. The National Council hereby amends NCA 88-41 at Section 153 A, 2, Department of Health and Human Services to include the following: Family Violence Prevention and Service Administration Aging

Section 104. The National Council hereby amends NCA 88-41 at Section 153, A, 5., to include the following: Other: 5. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion for the approval. Bill Burden, Okfuskee District, moved to approve. Johnson Buck, Hughes District, second.

Leah Stacy, Okmulgee District, moved to delete Section 104. Larry Bible, Tulsa District, second.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty (20) in favor, none against, no abstentions.

Motion carried. The amendment will be recorded and Section 104 will be deleted. For the bill as amended: nineteen (19) in favor, one against, no abstentions.

Motion carried. The bill was approved and will be recorded as approved and documented in the Journals of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation. This bill will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for approval.

2. An Ordinance of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Use of Federal and State Criminal and Civil Statutes by the Courts of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that the District and Supreme Courts of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation have no Criminal or Civil Laws enacted by the National Council for the use of the Courts.

Section 102. In order for the Courts of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation to function as courts of a sovereign nation, Criminal and Civil Statutes must be enacted by the National Council.

Section 103. The Courts of the Muskogee Nation shall apply Tribal Ordinances; and if there is no Tribal Ordinance, then the laws of the United States shall apply; if the Court finds no Tribal or Federal law applicable then the Court shall apply laws of the State of Oklahoma.

Section 104. Authorization provided in Section 103 shall expire July 31, 1989, or upon adoption of Muskogee (Creek) Nation Criminal and Civil Statutes.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this bill. Bible, Tulsa, moved to delete Section 104. Frank Kamp, McIntosh District, second.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty (20) in favor, none against, no abstentions.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Burden, Okfuskee, to approve bill as amended. Clarence Cloud, Creek District, second.

A roll call vote was taken with the results being: nineteen (19) in favor, one (1) against, no abstentions.

Opposed was: Robert Buck, Hughes District.

Motion carried. The bill was adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

Adjournment.

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KELSEY FOX

Kelsey Fox, 75, of Eufaula, died Wednesday, May 10, 1989, at Lakeview Community Hospital.

Services were held May 12 at the Little Coweta Baptist Church in Lenna with Rev. Kellos Walker officiating. Music was provided by the Little Coweta Choir. Burial was at Cedar Cemetery under the direction of Black's Funeral Home, Eufaula.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Loma, Jim Davis, Washington Cummings, Jackey Bedford, Danny Williams and Adam Jones, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were J.M. Bailey, John Sellers and Robert

Rhinehart.

Fox was born November 13, 1913 at Lenna. He is the son of Jim and Aggie Wacoche Fox. He had been a lifelong resident of the Eufaula area and was well known within the community.

Survivors include a niece, Mina Phillips of Stidham; four great nieces, Ramona Bedford and Jena Loma of Eufaula, Susie Deere and Amanda Middleton of Stidham; two cousins, Johnson Wacoche of Tahlequah, Wynona Clemmons of Fort Gibson; numerous second cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES- Special Session of March 16, 1989

INVOCATION: Lee Chupco, Muscogee Citizen

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Childers, Speaker, National Council

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken with the Speaker declaring a quorum to do business with twenty-three (23) present and three (3) absent. Those absent were: Donna Rhodes, Tulsa District; Barton Williams, Okmulgee District; Micky Primeaux, Wagoner

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Rescinding NCA 88-86

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. Tribal ordinance NCA 88-86 provided authorization for programming of tribal bingo revenues and submission of a proposal to obtain a grant to implement a project to organize and establish Indian Youth Councils throughout the Creek Nation.

B. Section 104 of NCA 88-86 stipulated that "the appropriation of tribal funds from bingo revenues is contingent upon the receipt of discretionary funds.

C. The Creek Nation Native American Youth Project proposal submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services was not funded.

D. Tribal matching funds in the amount of \$75,000 therefore reverts back to the tribal bingo revenues.

Section 102. The National Council hereby rescinds NCA 88-86.

The bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion for action on this bill. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District, to adopt. Leah Stacy, Okmulgee District, second.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty-two (22) in favor, none against, no abstentions.

Motion carried. The bill was adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

2. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Appropriating and Programming Tribal Bingo Revenues for an Eight (8) Month Creek Nation Native American Project

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. Youth represent the next generation of leaders for our Nation. Programs to develop, coordinate and involve youth in activities are needed at the local levels.

B. The Creek Nation Native American Youth Project is in its fourth month of operation.

C. The Creek Nation Native American Youth Project is currently operating on a six month budget.

D. Current Youth Project appropriations are effective through April 1989 through the BIA contracted Community Services General Program.

E. Continued funding is needed in order to maintain the development of the Youth Project for an eight (8) month period.

F. Other sources of funding will be pursued.

G. There is a need to continue the Youth Project to promote youth involvement in order to confront and resolve youth issues and concerns.

Section 102. The National Council hereby authorizes and appropriates \$40,516 from Tribal Bingo revenues to extend the Youth Project eight (8) months.

Section 103. Creek Nation Youth Development Specialist will submit quarterly reports through the Executive Office to update tribal government of the progress of the project.

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. Harley Little, Muskogee District, moved to approve. Helen Chupco, Muskogee District, second.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: sixteen (16) in favor, six (6) against, no abstentions.

Those opposed were: Jonas Dunson, Hughes District; Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District; Alexander Thomas, Wagoner/Mays; Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District; Frank Kamp, McIntosh District; Bill Fife, Okfuskee District.

Motion carried. The bill was adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for approval.

3. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Approving an Attorney Contract Between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Reid Chambers

George Almerigi, Okmulgee District, moved to add Section 103 at the end of sentence "for the cost of attorney contract". Johnson Buck, Hughes District, second.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty (20) in favor, one (1) against, one (1) abstention.

Opposed was: Cleghorn, Tulsa. Abstaining was: Wilson, Tulsa.

Motion carried. The bill was adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

4. A Bill Amending NCA 88-87, Establishing a Facility Use Agreement Between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Eufaula Indian Community

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. NCA 88-87 is an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation establishing a facility use contract between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Eufaula Indian Community property located in McIntosh District.

B. NCA 88-87 establishes a facility use contract, however NCA 88-87 does not satisfy the community and its managing board.

Section 102. Tribal Ordinance NCA 88-87 is hereby amended at Section 102(h) to read as follows:

h. The Community shall pay to the Nation as rents for the facilities as follows: net profits - 50 percent Nation - 50 percent community, excluding tobacco sales.

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for approval. Clarence Cloud, Creek District, moved to approve. Tommy Newton, McIntosh District, second.

Upon a motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty (20) in favor, one (1) against, no abstentions.

Opposed was: Almerigi, Okmulgee. Abstaining was: Chupco, Muskogee.

5. A Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council

Whereas, The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board has reported to the

Muscogee (Creek) National Council a conflict of interest on the behalf of Mr. Gary Breshears, Executive Director of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and possible criminal acts; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to protect the interests of the citizens.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That a letter be submitted to the Principal Chief asking for immediate suspension of the Executive Director until a full investigation is complete;

2. That the National Council Attorney file a suit in the Tribal District Court asking for a temporary injunction on any monies owed to Gary Breshears;

3. That a full audit be solicited on this matter on all matters concerned;

4. That the government funding agency be notified of possible violation of federal law;

5. That the Council Attorney assist the Fact Finding Committee regarding full investigation on this matter;

7. That the National Council endorses the corrective actions of the Board.

The Resolution having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the Resolution.

Fife, Okfuskee, moved to amend Section 1 to read: "That a letter be submitted to the Speaker to the Principal Chief asking for immediate suspension without pay of the Executive Director until a full investigation is complete." Kamp, McIntosh, second.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty-two (22) in favor, none against, no abstentions.

Motion carried. The Resolution will be amended as approved.

A motion was made by Burden, Okfuskee, to adopt. Cloud, Creek, Second.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call votes was taken with the results being: twenty-two (22) in favor, none against and no abstentions.

Motion carried. The Resolution was adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

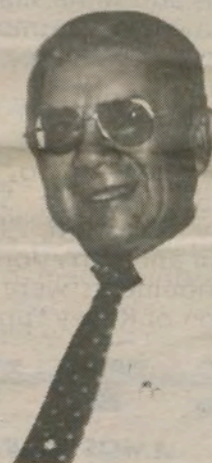
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National Council Member Profiles- Muskogee District...



Helen Chupco

Helen L. Chupco, Muskogee, and wife of retired minister, Lee L. Chupco, serves as the Chairman of the Community Services Committee. She has been involved in Creek tribal affairs for many years and she was instrumental in acquiring a Community building in Muskogee for their well-organized Creek community. She is an advocate for Creek Indians, and not only her constituents, but others as well and to tribal administration and staff. She is employed with the Muskogee School System, Indian Education.



Harley Little

Harley Little is completing his second term as a district representative from Muskogee. Little is retired from civil service having worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in a number of positions. He has been an administrator at several Indian boarding schools including Sequoyah and Jones Academy. Little was also the Dean of Students at Bacone College in Muskogee. He has also worked in stints as Tribal Operations Officer for the BIA in Muskogee and was also the Bureau's Agency Superintendent for Okmulgee. He sits on the Community Services Committee and is a sanctioned sports official.

**Creek Nation
Alcohol/Drug Abuse Conference
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RAMONA "LYNNELL" ROBERTS, center, was presented with the title of "Creek Nation Princess" at the Princess Pageant held June 10 in the Mound Auditorium. Principal Chief Cox was on hand to congratulate the 20-year old Creek beauty, as was former Princess, Rhonda Harjo. Ramona is the daughter of Koko Anderson, Sapulpa and Skipper Roberts of Virginia. She was present at the Opening Ceremonies for the Annual Creek Nation Festival & Rodeo.

-Photo by Gary Robinson



COMING OUT OF THE CHUTE DURING THE 1989 CREEK NATION RODEO held Friday and Saturday night at the CN Rodeo Arena, is this future world champion Jr. Steer rider. This event is one of the favorites at the Indian rodeos and the winner of both night's Jr. Steer Riding events was Bubba Jesse, Creek, of Konawa, Oklahoma. **THE COMPLETE RODEO RESULTS WILL BE FEATURED IN THE AUGUST MNN.**

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

Vision Screening Set for Creek Students-

Community Health Representatives are finalizing plans to be in the field conducting vision screenings for Creek School Age Children. Below is a schedule for dates/places and eligibility guidelines.

A parent/guardian will need to accompany the child to the screening and bring the following information: 1) Report Card- if the child was enrolled in grades 1-12 last year; 2) Creek Tribal Enrollment Card; 3) Consent form- if the adult accompanying the child is not the parent, then bring a signed consent form from the parent giving permission to screen the child.

Remember, you must live within the Creek Nation Boundary, and that you can only be screened in your respective districts.

The results of the screenings will be reviewed at the Community Health office at the Complex, and parents will be notified if additional follow-up is needed.

Also, information will be collected on eyeglass prescriptions for those who have already had their eyes tested, and we will be providing tools necessary for minor eyewear repair for those in need.

Please be sure and come at the appropriate time as we will only be screening certain grades at appointed times. Use the grade that your child will be enrolled in the next school year.

If your child presently wears eyeglasses and it has been longer than two years, be sure and come in for a review screening.

The schedule for the vision screenings is as follows:

—NOTICE—

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to Creek Nation on July 12 from 9:00-12:00 and will be set up in the Mound Building. Anyone wishing to make an appointment to give the life-saving donation, call 756-8700, Ext. 220 or 361.



-NOTICE-

Public Hearing on Block Grant Slated July 17-

A hearing concerning Creek Nation's proposed Fiscal Year '90 Community Services Block Grant application and scope of activities will be held at 2 PM Monday, July 17 at the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Dining Hall, Okmulgee.

The purpose of the Meeting is to solicit comment on the proposed application. The Creek Nation Office of Community Health will conduct the hearing.



Muscogee Nation News

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The Muscogee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex.

The purpose of this publication is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation through news coverage.

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Deadline for submission is the third Friday of each month. Submissions may be brought to the Muscogee Nation News office located in the Tribal Mound during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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EDITOR-MNN,

The idea of a democracy in America was an Indian concept. The framers of the US Constitution had come from a dictatorship in England and they did not know what rules to incorporate into the Constitution. Some of them had seen the system of the Iroquois Indians who had a two house rule, thus the House and Senate became law.

The Creek Nation regained Sovereignty and we voted on a Constitution ironically based loosely on the U.S. Constitution except for two Houses. Instead we have a unicameral Creek National Council.

We vote for our Council representatives to pass laws governing our tribal affairs and to appropriate our funds where ever needed. If two-thirds of the majority vote for or against a bill and then it is vetoed by the Chief, the Council does have the right to override the veto if the majority still believes the bill to be in the best interest of the Creek people.

If the Creek people do not like the system then we have the right to change it. We could have just one election for a Chief and Second Chief (if we wanted one) and not ever have a representative to decide what to vote on.

Whoever the Chief might be could do all the decision making for us, spend our money on what he or she deems proper, give benefits if any to whomever he/she chooses, pass laws according to a personal idea or even an ideal. Perhaps that would simplify matters. No more wrath inflicted upon our representatives. We just would not have representation.

It is up to the Creek people to voice our preference on how our tribal government should be run.

The American colonists had a one-man rule until they formed the kind of government they wanted by using the wisdom of American Indians. Perhaps we latter day Indians should draw upon the lessons of history and wise up.

Elaine Anderson
PO Box 245
Preston, OK 74456

Physical Examinations For Students

Now is the time to make your appointment for physical examinations which will be needed to participate in athletic programs at school. To schedule your appointment please call 1-918-6230-0555. MVTO! Okemah Indian Health Center

**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST
EDITION OF THE MUSCOGEE
NATION NEWS IS JULY 21.**

Dear MNN,

We would like to thank the Sand Creek Tribal Town for their support in the Creek Nation Princess Pageant. We express our gratitude for their participation and contributions during the Pageant.

Special thanks to: Wade Bucktrot, Jr.- Chief; Gary Bucktrot-Assistant Chief; Lester Bucktrot-Escort; Dwight Bucktrot, Arlen Bucktrot, Evelyn Bucktrot-Chaperone; Hazel Tiger-Grandmother; Jean McNac and Wanda Breese.

I would also like to thank the friends and other relatives who came to the Pageant and supported me.

MVTO,
Sharon Jones and Family

VISION SCREENING... (Continued from Page 1) Schedule:

Muskogee District
July 10 - 8:00 - 4:30, Muskogee Community Center, K-4th grade.

July 11 - 8:00 - 12:00, Muskogee Community Center, 5th-8th grade; 1:00 - 4:30, 9th-12th grade.

Creek District
July 12 - 8:00 - 4:30, Bristow Community Center, K-4th grade.

July 13 - 8:00 - 12:00, Bristow Community Center, 5th-8th grade; 1:00 - 4:30, 9th-12th grade.

Okmulgee District
July 14 - 8:00 - 4:30, Creek Nation Mound Bldg., K-4th grade.

July 17 - 8:00 - 12:00, Creek Nation Mound Bldg., 5th-8th grade; 1:00 - 4:30, 9th-12th grade.

Tulsa District
July 18 - 8:00 - 4:30, Tulsa Coalition/1740 W.41 St., K-4th grade.
July 19 - 8:00 - 12:00, Tulsa Coalition, 5th-8th grade; 1:00 - 4:30, 9th-12th grade.

Rogers/Mayes/Wag. District
July 20 - 8:00 - 4:30, Coweta Indian Center, K-4th grade.

July 21 - 8:00 - 12:00, Coweta Indian Center, 5th-8th grade; 1:00 - 4:30, 9th-12th grade.

McIntosh District
July 24 - 8:00 - 4:30, Eufaula Head Start, K-4th grade.

July 25 - 8:00 - 12:00, Eufaula Head Start, 5th-8th grade; 1:00 - 4:30, 9th-12th grade.

Hughes District
July 26 - 8:00 - 4:30, First Indian Baptist/Holdenville, K-4th grade.

July 27 - 8:00 - 4:30, First Indian Baptist/Holdenville, 5th-8th grade; 1:00 - 4:30, 9th-12th grade.

Okfuskee District
July 28 - 8:00 - 4:30, Okemah Indian Center, K-4th grade.

July 31 - 8:00 - 4:30, Okemah Indian Center, 5th-8th grade; 1:00 - 4:30, 9th-12th grade.

Dear MNN,

Just wanted to express my personal words of appreciation to you and your staff for the complimentary issue of the Muscogee Nation News and to say, thank you. Your newspaper is very informative. I look forward to receiving my copy. I always look forward to seeing the names of my friends who appear occasionally in your news.

I am enclosing a brochure on the Southeastern Jurisdiction Native American Conference, July 21-23 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

Simeon F. Cummings
Coordinator, United Methodist
SEJANAM

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Clarence,

We do not have the words to adequately express the depth of our gratitude. The Registered Hereford that you donated to CASA was raffled at \$1 per chance. That effort earned \$1,000. But the good news does not end there, 49 tickets were purchased by different individuals for the calf to go to CASA. One of those tickets was the winning number. (The drawing was done by Okmulgee Mayor John Mabry.)

The calf was auctioned for a net of \$430 (+/-) which brings the total proceeds for the CASA from your generous donation to a whopping \$1,430. Additionally, our volunteers operated a face painting booth at the Pecan Festival which resulted in an additional \$300. We are so very proud of the generosity and hard work of the caring friends that helped us make this one of the most successful fundraising events that we have ever had.

Thanks to you, Clarence, the Shelter for Battered Women and their children will become a reality even sooner.

Gratefully, Stephanie House,
Director
Clarence Cloud is a National Council Representative from the Creek District.

Dear MNN,

Mrs. Ruth Dubose, PO Box 2202, Hempstead, NY, 11550 is seeking any information on her grandfather, John Henry Robinson. He was born in Kellyville, 9-13-1889 or 1890. Mother was Lizzie Boston; father-Samuel H. Robinson. He was a cowboy in the Kellyville and Bristow areas and for the 101 Ranch. He was called "Oklahoma Joe" on the Rodeo circuit. Said he was a Creek, but does not appear on the early rolls. He left Oklahoma for New York in 1915.

Perhaps there are a few folks in the Creek Nation who will remember this man. Hope you can help.

MVTO,
Chinnubie McIntosh
1601 S. Detroit
Tulsa, OK 74120



—BID NOTICE—

The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of three (3) used pick-up trucks until 1:00 PM, July 24, 1989, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. All sealed bids must be marked separately if bidding on more than one truck and identified as: '78 Ford No. 2-9389 or '83 Ford No. 2-9387 or '83 Ford No. 2-9386.

Written bids will be accepted and the highest bidder will be allowed until 1:00 PM of the 28th of July, 1989, to submit a Cashier's Check for the written bid amount. Only Cashier's Check will be accepted. The Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

The pickups can be inspected at the Housing Authority's main office parking area at the Creek Nation Tribal Government Complex, Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee.

No Housing Authority employee or his/her immediate family, nor an individual on behalf of an employee or his/her immediate family will be allowed to submit bids.

Bids can be mailed to: Creek Nation Housing Authority, PO Box 297, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or call (918) 756-8504.

Letter of Appreciation:

Dear Mr. Cantrell,

The Muskogee County Indian Credit Association Board Members would like to commend you on your job performance during your service as Loan Specialist with the Creek Nation.

During your services in office your amiable ways, astuteness, and ability to handle daily business dealings made it a pleasure to have associated with you.

Your ability and knowledge in the loan profession will surely be a credit to any business you are associated with.

This committee wishes you all the success in future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Clarence Cloud, President
Muskogee County Indian
Credit Association

Tekopuchee Volleyball

Tekopuchee Indian Methodist Church of Holdenville held a Volleyball Tournament over the 4th of July. First Place was won by O'Jay's of Okemah; Second Place was won by Billy's of Holdenville and Third Place went to Whatever's of Okemah.

The church also had a pig drawing. The winner of the pig drawing was Dennis Barnett of Sapulpa.

The church would like to thank each and everyone who participated. MVTO.

NATIONAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Gary Robinson

During the June 24 Regular Session, the National Council passed three bills and one resolution, while overriding four of the Principal Chief's vetoes.

The meeting began with the presentation of special Certificates of Appreciation to the members of the Creek Nation Princess Pageant Committee for their hard work on the Princess Pageant. Special Congratulation Certificates were presented to Creek Nation Princess Ramona "Lynelle" Roberts and 1st Runner-up Janita Screechowl.

After the May 20 minutes were approved, the Council considered the four vetoes returned by Chief Cox.

The first veto message on the agenda was NCA 89-66, a bill entitled "Appropriating Bingo Revenue for the Support of the Restoration of the Creek Indian Council House." The Principal Chief vetoed the bill with the objection that "The Creek Indian Memorial Association is not chartered or approved by the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and is capable of fund raising independent of the tribe."

The Council voted to override the veto, 19 to 2.

The second veto message on the agenda concerned NCA 89-74, a bill "Establishing Penalties for Being in Contempt of the National Council." The Principal Chief cited two objections to the bill. The first objection stated, "The Constitution specifically limits the powers of the National Council to a legislative function," and that NCA 89-74 "is in violation of the Constitution of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation." In the second objection, Chief Cox expressed his opinion that the Council's committee system is unproductive and that "Respect for an institution cannot be legislated." The Council voted not to have the veto message read into the official minutes. Wagoner Representative Mickey Primeaux strongly expressed his concern over the Chief's interpretation of the Constitution.

The Council proceeded to override the veto, 19 to 2.

NCA 89-75, a bill establishing "Procedures and Causes for Removal of Officers of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation," was vetoed by the Chief on the grounds that the bill violated the intent of the Constitution. The Council once again voted to override this veto, 19 to 2.

The final veto message heard by the Council covered two bills, NCA 89-76 and NCA 89-77. Both bills amended the tribe's election ordinance as it pertains to absentee ballots and vote counting. Chief Cox objected to both bill, noting that time constraints imposed by these bills could not be realistically met. The Council voted to override both vetoes, 19 to 2.

The first new business on the Council's agenda was consideration of bill number 89-65, entitled "The Gaming Operations Authority Board Act of 1989." This bill creates a three-member board to oversee Creek Nation's gaming operations, with the

exception of chartered community gaming facilities. The bill includes reporting procedures, limitations and compensation for board members. It was authored by Rep. Ed Frye and introduced by the Business and Government Committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The bill was passed by the Council as a whole.

The Council proceeded to the next agenda item - bill 89-70, entitled, "Annual Budget Policy and Procedures." The bill specifies the ways in which the Office of the Principal Chief shall submit its annual budget request for all tribal operations and programs to the Council for authorization. The bill was introduced by the Business and Gov't. Committee, and was passed by the Council.

A bill authored by Bill Fife, Clyde Johnson and Bill Burden, and introduced by the Tribal Affairs Committee, was then considered. The bill establishes a permanent facility use contract between the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and the Okemah Indian Community. The bill, as amended, permanently assigns the CARES building in Okemah to the Okemah Indian Community and appropriates \$50,000 for building repairs and smoke shop start up expenses. The Council passed the bill unanimously.

Amending its own agenda, the Council omitted four other bills and moved to resolution NCR 89-02. This resolution, introduced by Speaker Ken Childers, serves as official notice to officials of the Indian Health Service that the Council recognizes only itself and the tribe's Hospital and Clinics Board as duly authorized to enter into contracts with IHS. The resolution passed with Clyde Johnson offering the only dissenting vote.

An unnumbered, untitled Bill authorizing the purchase of property in the Tulsa District was the next item for consideration. The bill, introduced by Larry Bible, appropriates \$170,000 from the tribe's bingo account for the acquisition of approximately 18 acres in Glenpool fronting Highway 75. The property will be purchased for the Glenpool Indian Community for use as a community center and economic development projects. This bill was passed into law by the Council.

The last bill considered by the Council at this session was bill 89-64, authorizing the tribe's Office of Justice to "proceed with the necessary steps to have the management agreement between Indian Country USA, Inc. and the Muskogee (Creek) Nation declared null and void." Because of certain actions taken by Indian Country in April of this year, tribal attorney Greg Bigler issued a legal opinion stating that this corporation has violated its contract with the tribe. However, due to the complex nature of the proposed legislative action, and pending Chief Cox's approval of the Gaming Authority Board Act, the Council voted to postpone action on this bill for several days.

The Council then voted to adjourn until June 28, 6 p.m., when the

remaining items on the agenda would be considered.

National Council Meeting Continuation-

June 28, 1989

This session was a continuation of the June 24 Regular Session. The first agenda item was consideration of a bill, introduced by Chief Cox, establishing a procedure to issue tribal charters to organize Indian Youth Councils. The establishment of youth councils in schools and communities of the Creek Nation is an objective of the tribe's Youth Services Department. Many Council members expressed their support of this concept, however, they felt that the bill needed more work. They voted to return the bill to the Human Development Committee for further work.

Bill number 89-71 was then introduced. This bill authorizes a \$45,000 loan to the Agri-Business for operating capitol. The tribe currently has a management contract with Thomas McIntosh for the Agri-Business operations, who made the request for the loan. Several Council members questioned the validity of making a loan from one tribal account to another, so the bill was sent back to the Tribal Affairs Committee for more development.

A supplemental bill for the Commodity Food Distribution Program was considered next. Citing unexpected increased operating costs, the bill authorizes \$3,329 from bingo revenues to be added to the food program budget for this fiscal year. This bill passed, 16 to 2.

A bill, "The Local Hire Act," introduced by Rep. Ed Frye, was then acted upon by the Council. The intent of this ordinance is to increase the number of Creek citizens and other American Indians in the Creek Nation that are hired for construction projects for the tribe. This bill, 89-80, was passed unanimously.

The Council added a new item to the agenda which pertained to the veto message of Chief Cox returning NCA 89-65, the Gaming Operations Authority Board Act. The representatives voted unanimously to let the veto stand. Rep. Ed Frye had already written a new bill combining most of this act with the bill (89-64) to remove Indian Country from the Tulsa Bingo facility.

The Council then voted to place this new combination bill, number 89-84, on the agenda. As stated, this bill creates the Gaming Authority Board and empowers the board to employ bingo managers. It also directs the tribe's attorney to proceed with action against Indian Country, USA for that corporation's violation of its contract. The Council passed this bill with 13 in favor, 3 against, and one abstention from Tulsa District Rep. Donna Rhodes.



Muscogee (Creek) Nation Quarterly Financial Statement

The Creek Nation's Office of Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate management personnel and other interested parties.

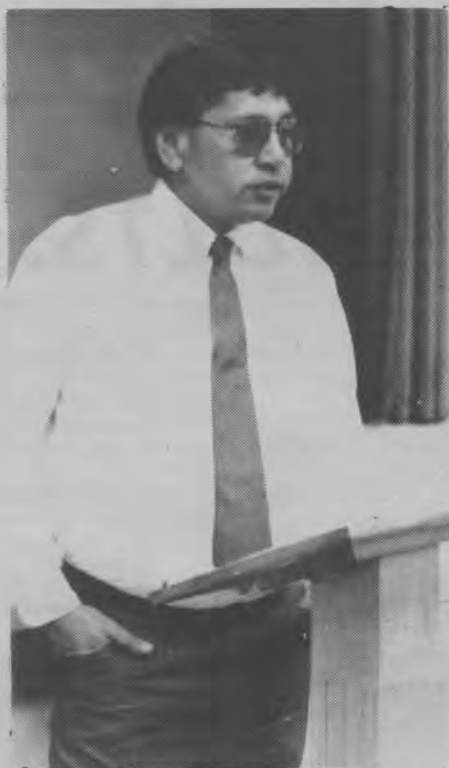
The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for fund accounting in order to meet the standards and the reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature, which may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting than those reports of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members cognizant of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary financial statement is being prepared and published quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on a year to date basis. A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows: PROGRAM NAME-Provides the titles of the various programs and activities of the Creek Nation. RECEIPTS-Provides a year to date total of all cash collected for this program. BUDGET-Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds. ENCUMBERED-provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. EXPENDED FUNDS-provides totals for all obligations unperformed and paid at the date of report. UNENCUMBERED FUNDS-this gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended fund. This is the balance available the remainder of the fiscal year.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1989

PROGRAM NAME	RECEIPTS	BUDGET	CONTRACT FUNDS		
			ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	UNENCUMBERED
TREASURY	20244	20000	3545	11859	4596
GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	173599	185826	5494	76218	104114
ADMINISTRATION/INDIRECT	814955	1824932	40328	994554	790050
CONSUMER LOAN	14956	94229	330	7489	86410
CREEK NATION BINGO	1317967	1038309	74973	647689	315647
TRIBAL BUDGET '89	1166519	1927843	53037	689556	1185250
JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT '88	236202	469934	1098	229051	239785
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION	820	12835	3600	1409	7826
HHS HEAD START '88	93700	90690	0	79649	11041
HHS ADMINISTRATION ON AGING '88	34669	39418	2159	34610	2649
HHS EYEGLASSES ASSISTANCE	0	5408	0	5546	-138
HOME ASSISTANCE ACT	1072	1927	0	1891	36
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION	1052	14437	0	1052	13385
IHS MANAGEMENT GRANT	31000	31000	0	0	31000
HHS HEAD START '89	110576	454635	10477	124817	319341
HHS COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT '89	0	14264	25	4050	10189
HHS LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE	44325	51820	0	46435	5385
HHS CHILDREN SERVICE '89	18681	49638	744	19966	28928
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT	0	3031	0	0	3031
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT '89	0	3093	0	0	3093
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '86	3731	7612	0	7612	0
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '87	163887	223171	27995	157926	37250
USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION	13660	6595	0	5854	741
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '88	43109	450000	3682	47892	398426
USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION '89	112787	243456	663	124956	117837
USDA REIMBURSEMENT-ADMINISTRATION ON AGING	23036	23783	3077	17998	2708
USDA REIMBURSEMENT-HEAD START	24029	29000	6300	21113	1587
EUFULA DORM-ACTIVITY FUND	3372	1200	564	521	115
MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS ACTIVITY FUND	1645	650	225	405	20
COURT CLERK ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	917	800	0	0	800
BIA ADULT EDUCATION	59030	192859	1415	56320	135124
BIA AID TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT	154447	374935	10051	151292	213592
BIA COMMUNITY SERVICES	82835	141327	634	82638	58055
BIA HIGHER EDUCATION	340565	655822	2107	337003	316712
BIA NATURAL RESOURCES	133113	516910	20671	126764	369475
BIA ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING	120919	299669	446	123689	175534
BIA HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM	8847	8847	0	8247	600
BIA CREDIT & FINANCE	46484	107874	3956	46334	57584
BIA OTHER EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	19622	25742	0	19310	6432
BIA EARLY CHILDHOOD	18640	18389	0	17726	663
BIA AGRICULTURE	74880	206552	1011	70937	134604
BIA SOCIAL SERVICES	111484	304706	744	111179	192783
BIA HOUSING	92792	301446	33565	95529	172352
BIA REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS	48765	151146	4118	48142	98886
BIA MINERALS & MINING	9965	51865	83	9477	42305
BIA WATER RESOURCES	3342	3924	1796	1679	449
BIA OTHER REAL ESTATE SERVICES	93489	220911	350	88488	132073
BIA EUFAULA DORM (MAINTENANCE)	135092	530224	4043	130287	395894
BIA EUFAULA DORM (EDUCATION)	421097	652271	12589	407961	231721
BIA INDIAN CHILD WELFARE	57578	97836	4359	55669	37808
CREEK NATION AGRI-BUSINESS	246663	317000	2149	260803	54048
CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	80310	2349510	15722	1567956	765832
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES	177797	277439	463	179360	97616
IHS CREEK NATION CLINICS	398419	667362	12428	468418	186516
TRIBAL HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT	0	5515	0	5515	0
OKMULGEE BINGO	1159455	1655620	33622	1128972	493026
OKEMAH ECONOMIC PROJECT	17306	41000	6	27201	13793
SAPULPA CLINIC - THIRD PARTY	1138	5425	0	682	4743
SAPULPA CLINIC - THIRD PARTY	4008	7960	69	4599	3292
CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL '89	392878	1769202	4809	82245	1682148
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES	98612	389611	869	57450	331292
IHS CREEK NATION CLINICS '89	251004	648707	25820	148853	474034
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	35734	81700	0	37816	43884
DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION	3310	23728	0	11105	12623
REAL PROPERTY AND FACILITIES	642795	809918	3067	350461	456390
PROPERTY AND SUPPLY	33211	108168	12309	55393	40466
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE	12517	20000	0	10960	9040
TOTALS	10058653	21360656	451587	9746578	11162491



DEAN TIGER explains the Youth Council Program at the J.O.M. Youth Leadership Program Workshop held recently in Ada, at East Central University.

CN Youth Council Report

By Dean Tiger, Youth Services Specialist

The Youth Services Department is busily working on an Adult/Youth Substance Awareness and Prevention Conference to be held July 10-14 at Fountainhead Resort and Hotel on Lake Eufaula.

Indian Health Services (I.H.S.) contracted with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, under the Division of Community, to sponsor this Conference. The conference is for I.H.S. counselors and program directors. This conference, which focuses on youth problems and issues, will be comprised of workshops for both youth and adults. During the initial planning stages of this conference it was suggested that the Creek Nation send additional youth to the conference. There will be forty(40) tribes and programs represented at this conference. The Creek Nation will be sending nine area schools to this conference. After this meeting seventeen area schools will have been trained for the establishment of youth councils in their schools/communities.

On June 22 through 28th the Youth Services Department sent eight (8) students, one from each county to participate in the North American UNITY Youth 2000 Conference in Denver, Colorado.

As you can see the Youth Services Department is busy making sure the youth of the Creek Nation receive all the training necessary to make the programs work.



Lilly Cox was the special speaker at the Father's Day Dinner held at the Complex.

Father's Day Dinner Held at Complex-

A Father's Day Dinner was held at the CN Complex Dining Room on June 14 with M.C. Jay Buckner, and Speaker Mrs. Lilly Cox.

The songs were led by Dean Tiger. The Oldest Father was R.W. Barber, 85 years old and a resident of Okmulgee. The Father With the Most Children was John Lowe, who had six children and the Father That Traveled the Farthest was Raymond Harjo from Van Nuys, California.

We would like to give special thanks to the Cooks, Shirley Thomas and Jimmie Jones; to the decorating

committee Eloise Perkins, Joe and Chiquita McNac and Laquita Adams. Also to the servers; Pat Morgan, Jay Buckner, Christine Durden, Maxine Watashe, Pat Frank, Emma Bruner, Jerrie On-the-Hill, Rhonda Williams, Liz Ann Holata and Kathy Haney.



RAMONA SWEENEY, director of nurses at W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah recently attended a six-week workshop on Nurses in Management in Arizona. She received a plaque for "the manager most participants would like to work for."

Creek Woman Elected to VFW Auxillary Post

On April 20 the members of the Ladies Auxillary of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 539 elected a new Jr. Vice-President- Polly Griffin Hearn, wife of Charles Hearn, Air Force retiree and Service Officer of Post 539. Mrs. Hearn is a second year member of the Ladies Auxillary.

She is from Dustin and a full-blood Creek, the daughter of the late William S. Griffin, WWI Air Force veteran, and the late Leola Fife Griffin. She is an active member of the Creek Nation Riding Club and is also a member of the Methodist Church in Dustin.



Creek Receives Degree From Bacone College

Rena Kay Brown, 20, was one of the May 20 graduates from Bacone College in Muskogee. She received her Associate of Arts degree during the Commencement Exercises.

Ms. Brown graduated from Indianola High School in 1987 and is the daughter of Allen and Serena Brown and granddaughter of the late Yahola Tiger and Harriet Tiger.

Her great grandparents were the late Miller and Katie Tiger and the late Bennie B. Scott and Susie Scott.



Cody Brian Barnett

Creek Graduates from Iowa Park High School

Cody Brian Barnett, is a 1989 graduate of Iowa Park High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barney Barnett, Sr., of Iowa Park, Texas. He is the grandson of the late Samuel Barnett Sr., Eufaula, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams of Muskogee. Cody is a two year member of the National Honor Society, three year member of the basketball team, and four-year member of the football team. He is listed among the Outstanding High School Students of America. He graduated on the Advanced Academic plan with a 3.85 average.

Cody is enrolled currently at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas. His goal is a Masters degree in Business Administration, with a major in Accounting and a minor in Finance.

**TULSA POW-WOW
AUGUST 10-11-12-13
MOHAWK PARK-TULSA**

Rogers County Indian Association Slates August Activities-

The Rogers County Indian Association has scheduled softball tournaments for Indian men's and women's teams for August 12 and 13 at Pecan Park, Claremore.

The first eight teams in each of the two categories to enter will be eligible for play.

Entry fee is \$75 per team, plus two Blue Dot softballs. Deadline for entries is August 3.

Entries may be mailed to Glen Henson, Association president, 601 E. 5th, Claremore, OK 74017.

For additional information, contact Henson at 918-341-4623.

An Indian dance will held by the Rogers County Indian Association August 19 at 3 p.m. at Rogers State College. Master of Ceremonies is Perry Aunko and head man dancer is Curtis Zunigha and head lady dancer is Mary Stiger. Head Singer is Evans Ray Satepauhoodle with arena directors John McClellan and John Peacock.



CREEK NATION Festival & Rodeo

RESULTS:



CHIEF COX GIVES THE WELCOME AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE FESTIVAL & RODEO held on Friday evening in the Rodeo Arena at 8:00 p.m. Lighthorse Security Manager, Richard Larney, left, gives the Invocation. The Opening Ceremonies kicked off the 15th Annual Festival & Rodeo.

-Photo by Gary Robinson



TOM BERRYHILL, National Council Representative for Okmulgee District watches as members of the Arbeka Stompgrounds play a game of exhibition Stickball during Opening Ceremonies in the Rodeo Arena.



—VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT—

For the 15th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo and Festival, there were 16 teams entered for the Annual Volleyball Tournament.

The event brought out teams from various areas- Seminole, Pawnee, Pryor, Wagoner, Ada, Tulsa, Henryetta, Okemah, Bristow, Muskogee and Okmulgee.

The teams who took the First and Second Place consisted of

young talent with the ability of blocking, spiking, diving and moving all over the court.

The 1st place team was from Tulsa- the Side-Outs. Second Place team was Sooner Slam from Pryor and the 3rd place team was from Okemah- Okfuskee Challengers. The Sportsmanship Trophy went to Henryetta. The scores for the finals were; Side-Out, 5-15, 15-10 and 15-6 against the Sooner

Slams.

I would like to thank each team for participating in this tournament. Also thanks to each individual who helped in calling the lines, who acted as referees and scorekeepers.

We hope each team will be back next year.

Georgeanne DeLaune
Rita Williams



BILL HARJO, OKMULGEE BINGO KITCHEN SUPERVISOR, serves as caller for the Bingo Games held at the Festival grounds. "We had a good turnout and response even though we may have picked the wrong time of day- with all the tournaments and games going on- but it was good overall," said Ray Barnett, Manager of Okmulgee Bingo.



VANESSA ROLLAND, Sapulpa, plays women's doubles with Tonya Harris, Sapulpa, background at the Okmulgee Tennis Courts. Vanessa is the daughter of Al and Judy Rolland, Sapulpa.

—TENNIS TOURNAMENT—

Men's Open Singles

Leon Hawzipta- 1st Place
Brian Factor- 2nd Place
Bobby Cusher- Consolation 1st Place
Randy Cusher- Consolation 2nd Place

Men's Open Doubles

Girard Fish/Leon Hawzipta- 1st Place
Scott Johnson/Bruce Harjo- 2nd Place
Consolation- Randy Cusher/Bobby Cusher

Men's Intermediate Singles

Brian Fisher- 1st Place
Charles Boggs- 2nd Place
Kevin Ganote- Consolation 1st Place
Landon Tulsa- Consolation 2nd Place

Men's Intermediate Doubles

Kevin Ganote/Chris Ganote- 1st Place
Gregory Switch/Brian Factor- 2nd Place
David Mattingly/Charles Boggs- Consolation 1st Place
Elliot Kekahbah/Royce Kekahbah- Consolation 2nd Place

Men's 35 Singles

Rollin Kekahbah- 1st Place
Bruce Harjo- 2nd Place
Girard Fish- Consolation 1st Place
Don Nieto- Consolation 2nd Place

Men's 35 Doubles

Paul Harjo/Bruce Harjo- 1st Place
Jim Givens/Don Nieto- 2nd Place

Women's Open Singles

Tonya Harris- 1st Place
Michelene Fixico- 2nd Place
Vannessa Rolland- Consolation 1st Place

Women's Open Doubles

Ellen Hawzipta/Michelene Fixico- 1st Place
Tonya Harris/Vannessa Rolland- 2nd Place

Women's Intermediate Singles

Jennifer Harjo- 1st Place
Cindy Cusher- 2nd Place
Ange Bunner- Consolation 1st Place
Tasha Morgan- Consolation 2nd Place

Women's Intermediate Doubles

Jennifer Harjo/Vickie Tate- 1st Place
Ange Bunner/Cindy Cusher- 2nd Place

Mixed Doubles

Ellen Hawzipta/Leon Hawzipta- 1st Place
Jennifer Harjo/Bruce Harjo- 2nd Place
Michelene Fixico/Don Nieto- Consolation 1st Place
Jill Dew/Mike Dew- Consolation 2nd Place



Juried Arts/Crafts Competition Winners

The Creek Council House Museum, Okmulgee, in conjunction with the 15th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo and Festival, hosted a Juried Arts and Crafts Competition, with the winners as follows:

BEST OF SHOW- Vision Beyond- Johnny Tiger, Jr.; PAINTING- 1st Place- The Old Stompdance Ground- Johnny Tiger, Jr.; Second Place- Stickball Ceremony- Leon Harvey; Third Place- Warrior Beneath Our Feet- Tom Chicote.

TEXTILES: First Place- Tea Length Skirt- Margaret E. Roberts; Second Place- Man's Traditional Jacket- Margaret E. Roberts; Third Place- Untitled Quilt No. 15- Selee Deere.

SCULPTURE: First Place- Going Home No. 7- Jr. Crows; Second Place One Lost at Horseshoe Bend No. 2- Tom Chicote and Third Place- Stickball Player- Tom Chicote.

DRAWING: First Place- Dance All Night- Jon Tiger; Second



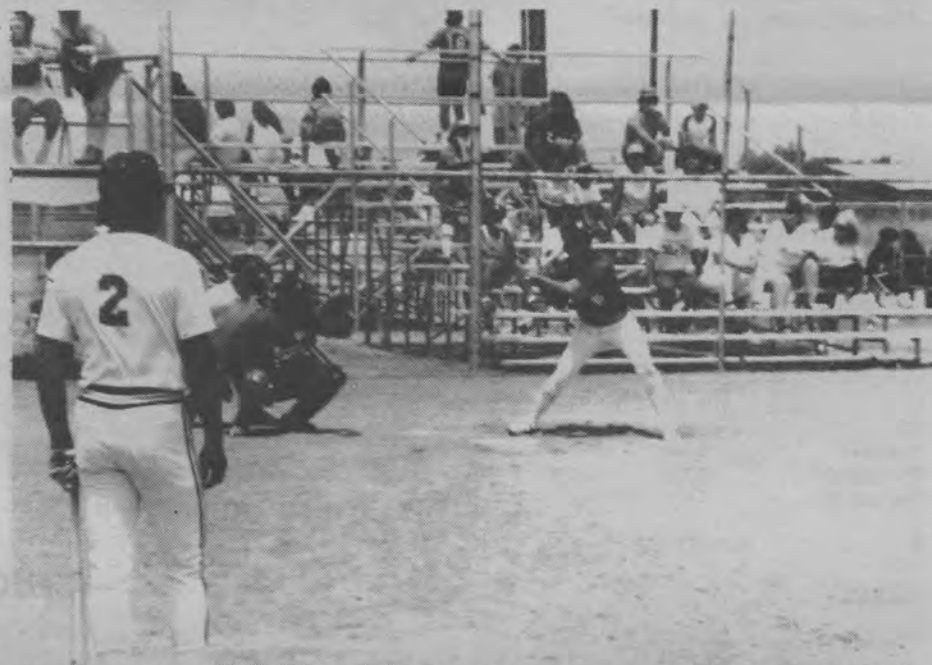
JERRIE AND THE BOYS participate in the Children's Games held on the Complex Grounds. Shown left to right are; Danielle Morgan, Micah Little and Preston Thomas and Coordinator of the games, Jerrie On-the-Hill, Creek Nation employee.

—CHILDRENS GAMES—

The children who participated in the Children's Games are all first place winners. Special thanks to parents who brought the children out for the games. The Creek Nation Festival is designed for all Indian people to enjoy themselves and we are proud that the children were apart of this event. Thanks to all the workers and Jay Buckner who did all the running around.

The list of children who **Jerrie On-the-Hill**

participated are; Braden, Jessie, Amanda, Ashley, Ekaese, Mahaya, Jerry, Preston, Micah, Danielle, Michael, David, Ecole and Shannday. They entered as participants in the following categories: 3-Yr.Old Running, 2-Year Old Running, 4-Year Old Running, 5-Year Old Running, Throwing Ball and Jumping. All were awarded prizes.



UP TO BAT DURING THE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT is John Josie, of the Washington Warriors. -Photo by Elliot Barnett

—SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT—

1st Place- Haskell Indians, Lawrence, Kansas

2nd Place- Roofers Inc., Tulsa

3rd Place- Red Race, Clinton

4th Place- Little Ax, OK

5th Place- Dallas Hustlers, TX

Sportsmanship- T-Birds, Okmulgee

All Star Awards: Terry Walker, Little Ax; Windy Ward, Red Race; Chip Cochran, Roofers; Bobby Drywater, Roofers; Eric Tiger, Haskell; Danny Tiger, Haskell and MVP- Darrell Reing, Haskell

Place- Creek Leader- Jon Tiger; Third Place- Togetherness- Johnny Tiger, Jr.

TRADITIONAL CRAFTS: First place- Fingerwoven Sash- Sandy Fife Wilson.

OTHER CRAFTS: First Place- Tatted Collar- Robin Fife; Second Place- Spotted Eagle- Sandy Fife Wilson and Third Place- Pot Holder- Pearl Thomas.

CREEK NATION OLYMPICS FINALS
1989

50 METER 6-7

GIRLS

Amber Roebuck	Chickasaw	7:00
Lindsey Moppin	Wetumka	7:08
Melissa Walker	Chickasaw	7:59

BOYS

Terry Osburn	Okfuskee	6:85
Ashley Yahola	Muskogee	7:17
Brandy Pigeon	Yardeka	7:25

100 METER 6-7

GIRLS

Amber Roebuck	Choska	13:31
Lindsey Moppin	Wetumka	14:39
Casie Harjo	Chickasaw	15:74

BOYS

Terry Osborn	Okfuskee	14:15
Brandon Pigeon	Yardeka	15:09
Jeremy Monahwee	Morris	15:56

200 METER 6-7

GIRLS

Jerri Culley	Okfuskee	29:25
Crystal Wallace	Chickasaw	29:59
Carmen Beasley	Morris	31:79

BOYS

Todd Morgan	Chickasaw
Jeremy Monahwee	Morris
Darrel Proctor	Okfuskee

400 RELAYS 6-7

GIRLS

Chickasaw	57:0
Morris	59:33
Okfuskee	59:52

BOYS

Okfuskee	57:13
Chickasaw	58:0
Morris	59:52

400 MIXED RELAY 6-7

Yardeka	57:0
Chickasaw	57:5
Okfuskee	59:5

SOFTBALL THROW 6-7

GIRLS

Teresa Wisner	Weleetka	62'1"
Kathy Harjo	Chickasaw	55'2"
Geri Kelly	Okfuskee	54'11½"

BOYS

Todd Chamberlain	Yardeka	78'7"
Josh Burgess	Okfuskee	71'7"
Sagey Hicks	Okfuskee	68'10"

TUG-OF-WAR 6-7

GIRLS

Chickasaw	Chickasaw
Okfuskee	Okfuskee
Wetumka	Wetumka

50 METER 8-9

GIRLS

Stephanie Lowe	Wetumka	6:83
Jeannie Sands	Okfuskee	6:93
Justina Grayson	Morris	7:0



OUR OWN MORRIS TEAM, COACHED BY FLOYD JONES, won Third Place for the overall team scores in the Olympics.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett



Creek youngster tries her hand at Shot-Put at C.N. Olympics.



AND IT'S GO, GO, GO as these youngsters come off the line in the 50-meter dash at the Olympics. Shown are, left to right, an unidentified individual runner, a Muskogee Indian Community team member, Jesse Bell, Morris team, and a member of the Choska Indian Methodist team.

—CHICKASAW NATION TOOK FIRST PLACE—





Creek Nation Parade in Downtown Okmulgee!



Lynnelle Roberts new Creek Nation Princess, rode in the Festival Parade and won second place in the individual float category.



Chief and Lilly Cox wave to the crowd during the Festival Parade.



Janita Screechowl, who was the First Runner-Up in the Creek Nation Princess Pageant, waves to the crowd during the parade. Janita is from Sapula. Second Runner-Up was Sharon Jones and Third was Lisa McLemore.



Judging the parade are left to right, Mose Cahwee, Announcer Nickols, Phyllis Warrington, Bob Arrington and Monetta Trepp.



The Creek Nation Communications Department won Second Place in the Parade in the Float Category for their decoration of Video Specialist Gary Robinson's 1989 Isuzu pickup, complete with video camera and 35mm camera, artfully done by the Department's Summer youth workers, Wendy Simmers and Ladonna Sumka.

—PARADE WINNERS—

Floats

First Place- CN Rodeo Club

2nd Place- CN Com. Dept.

Individual

1st- Marcie Skeeter,
VEV Princess

2nd- Lynnell Roberts,
Creek Nation Princess

3rd- Karen Harjo, OKC
Running Club Princess

The Parade was a part of the Special Events, planned by Phyllis Warrington and Gwen Taylor.



COMMUNITY NEWS



EDWIN DUNN turned five years old May 19. He was born in Germany to Mark and Dora Dunn. He has two brothers and his grandmother is Joan Dunn.

Okmulgee Dental Clinic Now Provides Dental Services to Indian Adults-

The Creek Nation Okmulgee Dental Clinic is now providing dental services for adult patients via a monthly adult sign-up. The sign-up is on the second Friday of every month 1:00 p.m. On the sign-up day you will be given an appointment for an examination - **no treatment is provided on the sign-up day.**

You must be present at the clinic to receive a letter describing the services provided at the Okmulgee Clinic, an appointment slip and a copy of our broken appointment policy.

Following the initial examina-

tion a treatment plan is provided and discussed with each individual and patients then begin routine care.

Our next sign-up will be June 9th and we look forward to serving the adult citizens of the Creek Nation.

Children, patients 19 and under, may still receive appointments in the usual manner by stopping by at the clinic or phoning between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or need any information regarding the Dental Clinic, call us at 918/756-8700, ext. 254.

-CN COMMUNITY HEALTH NOTICE- CN Eyeglass Program Lowers Applicant Age-

The Creek Nation Office of Community Health has changed its age guidelines for providing services to elderly Creek Indians. **The age limit has been lowered to 50 and over for those who are in need of vision examinations and eyeglasses.** To qualify for this service an individual must present the following information: verification of Indian ancestry, ie. CDI card; verification of household income. An individual or household must be at or below the poverty level to qualify for this service; reside within the Creek Nation boundary; complete and sign an application form. The income guidelines are as follows: **For a household size of one- the monthly income is \$480.83; for a household size of two- the monthly income is \$644.17; for a household size of three- the monthly income is \$807.50; for a household size of four- the monthly income \$970.83; for a household size of five- the monthly income \$1,134.17; for six, the monthly income is \$1,297.50. Add \$163.34 per month for additional household members. For more information contact the CN CHR office at 918-756-8700.**

OILS Schedule-

The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) will be at Creek Nation the first Thursday of each month to discuss legal problems. They do not handle criminal cases. You can make an appointment by calling the OILS office at 1-800-759-0805. OILS will be at Creek Nation on the following dates: July 6th, August 10th, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th.

ANNUAL GOSPEL SINGING-

There will be an Annual Gospel Singing at Springfield Methodist Church with emcee Brian Redbone and featuring the

Redeemed. The date is July 15, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Everyone is Welcome. Location is two miles south of

Okemah, four miles east and one mile south. Signs will be posted.



NANCY STARR, right, of Wetumka, was the valedictorian for the Sequoyah High School 1989 graduating class which held commencement May 16. Callie Benoit, left, of Watts was the salutatorian.

Birth Announcement-



Nokuse Copper Scott

Nokuse Copper Scott was born to Nancy J. Scott, Tulsa, May 22 at 10:22 PM. He weighed six pounds and 15 ounces, and measured 20 inches. His maternal grandparents are: Kenneth and Effie Scott, Rose, OK; Aunt- Katie Scott, Tulsa, and Uncles- Knokovtee Scott, Norman, and Danny Scott, Placentia, CA.

Mother Nancy returned home to Oklahoma to have her baby and raise him around her family and friends. She has spent ten years in Los Angeles pursuing her dance career. She will continue dancing and teaching in Oklahoma.

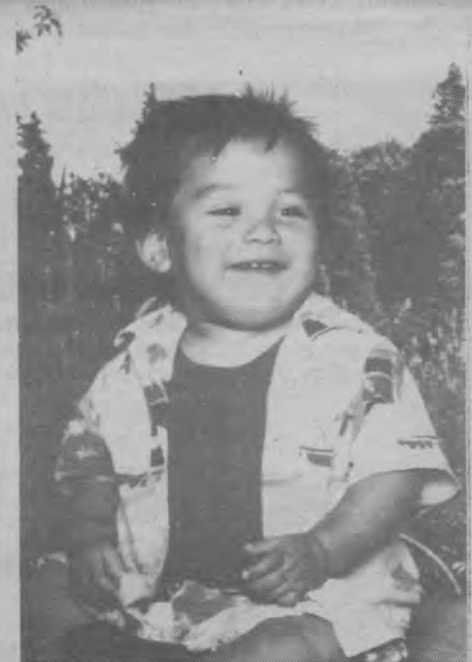
BIRDCREEK

The Birdcreek Indian Baptist Church will hold their Fourth Annual Gospel Singing August 19, from 7:30-9:00 PM. The church is three and a half miles west of Sasakwa on Highway 56 and one-half mile south. There will be a concession and bring your lawn chairs.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS!



JESSICA DAWN INGRAM recently celebrated her fifth birthday at the Landsberry residence. Her parents are Barney Ingram and Kim Kahbeah and grandparents are Lawrence and Priscilla Kahbeah and Gladys and Jack Landsberry.



Levon Factor

Levon Factor, son of Lisa Tiger and Edward Factor celebrated his first birthday on June 20. His guests included; Aunt Phyllis Brown, great-grandmothers Rose Johnson and Juanita Checotah, brother Jerome, sister Amber and cousin Joseph Brown.

Also, Amber Tiger celebrated her third birthday on June 3 with guests Lisa Tiger, mother, great-grandmother Rose Johnson, brother Levon and Jerome, along with aunts, uncles and cousins Joseph and Geri Brown, Sheri Wahnee, Tracie Brown and Darrel Tiger.



Samuel Cook

Outstanding Athletic Ability Cited for Creek

Samuel Ruben Cook, 13, qualified for three events at the Northeast Oklahoma District Junior Olympics Qualifying Track Meet. He placed first in the 400 meter dash; 3rd in the 100 meter dash and 3rd in the 200 meter dash to qualify in three events. He also ran with the Bartlesville 3200 relay which took First Place.

Samuel plays on the Babe Ruth Baseball league, playing short stop and is going to be on the Pawnee Cubs Football team playing O.B. and Halfback. He is the youngest player on the team. He also plays on the basketball team.

On the Junior Olympics events, other Creek boys qualifying were: Dustin Palmer, Scott Lowe, Jodi Goodfox, Brian Skidgel and Heath Heisler.

He is the son of Pamela Cook, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cook and Great-grandson of the late Rueban Cook.

Creek Named to Who's Who Jr. College List

Thomas Gene Wind, son of Monroe and Josephine Wind, and student at Community College of Denver, has been selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by the WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES editorial staff.

Wind was chosen on the basis of of his academic achievements, community service, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for continued success.



Tracie Tiger

Tracie Tiger Named FHA Delegate to California

Tracie Tiger, a Creek from Dewar High School, has been selected as a delegate to the National FHA convention in Anaheim, California July 15-21.

Tracie is the daughter of AJ and Janice Tiger of Tiger Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Jackson and Dorcas Tiger of Tiger Mountain and James Riddle of Oklahoma City.

Tracie will be a senior at Dewar High where she is currently head cheerleader, on the basketball team (where she made all conference the past two years), she is president of the Sub-District FHA, was president of the Dewar FHA last year, Who's Who Among High School Students, National Honor Society Secretary and was chosen "All Around Girl Student," for the past two years and was on the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society.

Tent Revival Slated

A Tent Revival, "COMING TOGETHER UNITED IN FAITH" will be held July 13-16 four and one-quarter miles east of the Beeline Grocery, Mounds or one mile west of the four-way stop at Hectorville.

The revival is sponsored by the Liberty Faith Fellowship, Morning Star Ministry and Yardeka Indian Baptist Church. Nursery will be provided for 0-3 years and there will be a Children's church (Bible Bowl).

Guest ministers will include: Rev. Bunny Hill, Ron Price, Muskogee; Fred Williams, Pawnee; Kyle Taylor, Norman; Jerry Frank, Henryetta; George H. Autaubo and George Autaubo Sr., Okmulgee and Negiel Bigpond, Mounds.

Special music nightly, with intercessory prayer (morning) at 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and mid-morning teaching from 10:30 to 12 noon; Afternoon teaching-3-5 p.m. and evening services starting at 7:30 p.m.



—NOTICE—

The National Council Profiles will resume next issue with profiles on the representatives from Okmulgee District and Okfuskee District.



John Beaver

Creek Student Cited for Academic Excellence

John Beaver was recently named co-valedictorian of the eighth grade class at Hilldale Middle School in Muskogee. He is the son of Pete and Bridget Beaver of Muskogee. He is the grandson of Della Beaver and Una Smith and the late John Beaver and Roy W. Smith.

During middle school John has been a member of the Oklahoma Middle School Honor Society and has received academic awards in Math, pre-algebra, science, social studies, English, and Art. He was the recipient of the Masonic Student of Today Award for leadership, citizenship, and scholarship.

Graduation ceremonies for the 122-member class were held May 26. At that time John was recognized as Outstanding Eighth Grade Student at Hilldale. He also received citations for Honorable Mention at the Regional Indian Student Art Show at Morris and Third Place at the Three Rivers Regional Art Show, Muskogee.

Other awards presented included: Outstanding Student in English, Outstanding Student in Physical Science, Second Place Award in Oklahoma Mathematics League, Presidential Academic Fitness Awards Program and Student of the Month, final award winner.

Creek Student Finishes Elementary with Honors

Ellie Barnett, 14, of Henryetta, completed the 8th grade at Henryetta receiving the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, as well as being a member of the Oklahoma Junior High Honor Society and on the Principal's Honor Roll.

She also received First Place in the School's Science Fair and worked during the school day in the School Library.

She is the daughter of Elliot Barnett and Della Barnett, Henryetta. Her grandparents are Mamie Barnett, Eufaula, and Judy Proctor, Hanna.



Creek Brothers are Outstanding Athletes

Timothy Joe Dunn, age 12, was a member of the 1988 2nd place V Corps football championship team, and was chosen as All Star for the 1988-89 basketball team. Mark Eldon Dunn, age 13, was a member of the 1st place all European football team, 1st place V Corps football team, 1st place V Corps basketball team, and 2nd place all European basketball team. Parents are Mark and Dora Dunn of West Germany.



Kimberly Jackson

Creek Student Earns Honors

Kimberly Kay Jackson, age 12, of Harris Jobe Elementary will be attending the West Jr. High School and going into the 7th grade.

During the past school year, she was in the Honor's Classes and received the following awards: Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award for five years for maintaining a 4.0 for six years, and since the first grade, has received over 35 awards in Art, Academics and Track.

She has participated in the Honor Roll banquet for three years, has been the Class Spelling bee champion for four years, and has received the President's Physical Fitness Award. She is the daughter of Coach Lovie Jackson and Kathleen of Bacone College, Muskogee.



OBITUARIES

Rev. Thomas Marshall

Rev. Thomas Marshall, born August 4, 1907, died May 18. His Memorial Service was held at the Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church May 20 at 2:00 PM with the Rev. Jesse Sullivan officiating.

Pallbearers were: Charles McHenry, Harry Perryman, Randy Thomas, Ronald McHenry, Tommy Thomas, and Louis Dobbins. Interment was in the Vernon Cemetery at Coweta.

Billie Weaver

Funeral services for Billie (Chief) Weaver, retired police officer were held June 17, at 2 PM at the Apostolic Church in Beggs, the Rev. Lee Roy Canady officiating, assisted by Matt Tiger. Interment was in the Beggs Cemetery.

Mr. Weaver was born July 14, 1903 in Beggs and died Wednesday, June 14. He was 85 years old.

He married Lela Adkison on December 16, 1946 in Joplin, Missouri. He had retired as a police officer, serving various communities over a period of 40 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Morris.

Survivors include his wife, Lela of the home; a son, Bill Weaver of Beggs; a daughter, Judy Shanks of Mounds; one sister, Eulla Weaver of Los Angeles, California; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the service were Kenneth Smith, Jack Shipley, Albert Liggins, Robert Snelson, Billy Shanks and Jim Holt.

Lizzie Robinson

Dear MNN: Although you carried my mother's obituary last issue, I would ask that you please publish this letter.

Lizzie (Harjo) Robinson, 85, was an original allottee and was born June 15, 1903, west of Okemah, OK, to Tulsey and Molly (Yahola) Harjo, and died of cancer on May 6, 1989. Her husband, the late Rev. Clem V. Robison, departed this life in 1978. He had been a supply pastor, mostly serving Concharty Indian Methodist Church.

Lizzie attended school in the lower grades at Nuyaka, Okemah, and Dwight Mission, Marble City, Oklahoma, and high school at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas in the 20's, during the years of the famed, undefeated football team. She was a lifelong homemaker and

was an excellent cook. Lizzie loved her native Creek language and never got tired of Creek preaching, praying, and singing. She was loved by all who came in contact with her and was known as "Aunt Lizzie" to everyone.

Although Springfield Indian Methodist Church, Okemah, was her home church, she was a member of the Witt Memorial in Tulsa since 1951. In former years she had been very active with Methodist Women, but for many years, her physical condition kept her from active participation. For the last few years, she resided at Homestead Nursing Home in Tulsa.

Rev. Charles Little, pastor of Witt Memorial, Tulsa, Ok, and Rev. Jesse (Buddy) Sullivan, District Superintendent of the Western District of the Methodist Indian Mission Conference, Anadarko, Ok, conducted the wake and funeral services, and Rev. Earl Dunson, retired minister, Glenpool, Ok, conducted graveside service at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa.

Lizzie was survived by her daughter, Kathleen Butler of Tulsa; step-daughter, Dorothy Ayres of Reno, Nevada, and grandchildren Jack Butler, Denise Ford, Ralph Butler, Terry Butler, all of Tulsa, and Kerry Butler of Hulbert, Oklahoma. She was also survived by a brother, Johnson Harjo, a sister Melissa Tiger, and a sister-in-law, Susie (Robinson) Foster, all of Okemah.

We offer special thanks to all those who supported us during the trying time of mother's illness, death, and funeral. Not only do we appreciate your gifts of food, love offerings, flowers, phone calls, correspondence and visits, but the many prayers offered on our behalf and your many thoughts of sympathy, also.

You have helped to ease our pain in this great loss and we ask our Father to generously bless your lives. Extra special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Little who supported mother diligently through her last days, and to Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Sullivan and Mrs. Hettie Burgess for their loving support for us after her death. We are also grateful to and appreciate those who visited her, corresponded with her and sent her greeting cards, as she cherished and enjoyed them so much. We send to each of you our unending circle of love.

Kathleen Butler
1124 S. Richmond
Tulsa, OK 74112

Timothy M. Hicks

Funeral services were held for Timothy Marshall "Tim" Hicks, 20, of Henryetta on May 30 at 2 PM at the Salem Baptist Church with the Rev. Ernie Margworth officiating, assisted by Rev. Dan Phillips.

Interment was in the Sonora Cemetery. Pallbearers were 1986 Graham graduates.

Mr. Hicks was born September 4, 1968 at Lawton and died May 26 as a result of a highway accident near Sapulpa. He attended school at Graham and Weleetka and graduated from Graham in 1986. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church and the All-Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma. He was employed by Russell Electric Inc.

Survivors include his parents, Houston and Eliza Hicks of the home; three sisters, Carol Muniz and Carrie Muniz, both of Glenpool and Angela Chavez, El Paso, Texas; four brothers, Robert Hicks of Newalla, Louis Hicks and Jim Hicks both of Henryetta and Christopher Muniz of Glenpool.

JUANITA RUTH (LONG) DOXTATOR

On Sunday, June 18, 1989 Mrs. Juanita Ruth (Long) Doxtator, 62, died at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

Mrs. Doxtator was born on April 17, 1927 and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Warren William Doxtator; three children, Annita Little and Anthony Doxtator of Okemah, Annette Guinn of Enid; three grandchildren, Kevin Doxtator, James and Jennifer Guinn, and an uncle, aunt and half-brother; Billy Canard of Oklahoma City, Molly Canard of Wetumka and Lenard Canard of Tulsa.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., June 21 at the Springfield Methodist Church with Tom Yarhola and John Burgess officiating. Interment was at the Thlophlocco Methodist Church under the direction of Webbs' Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were George Fixico, Thomas and Clarence Yarhola and Jim, Keith and Kelly Humble.

GEORGE FREDERICK CRABTREE

Memorial services were held Saturday, June 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Jackson Mortuary Chapel, Wichita, Kansas, for George Frederick Crabtree who died June 18. Rev. Cashious Burdine, Sr. officiated.

Mr. George Fredrick Crabtree was born in McIntosh County Eufaula, Ok. on May 11, 1908 to the late George W. Crabtree and Margie Crabtree. He was the second of five children. His sister, Pauline Lyday and his brothers, Melvin and Patrick Crabtree preceded him in death. Mr. Crabtree attended school in Oktaha, Ok. In his early years he attended Creek Indian Baptist Church. George married Ezzie E.

Edwards of Eufaula, Ok. on October 19, 1933 and to his union five children were born. They moved to Wichita, Kansas in 1952 where he gained employment at Gentry Construction until his retirement in the 1960's. He was fond of horses and was a charter member of the Wichita Roundup C Club. On June 18th, God called him home to eternal rest. He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Ezzie E. Crabtree of the home; three sons, Elmer Crabtree of Englewood, California, George E. Crabtree of Wichita, Val J. Crabtree of Compton, CA; and two daughters, Billie J. Carney and Ezzie Wyvaughn Conley of Wichita; one brother, Hughie Crabtree, of Oklahoma City, and one sister, Lena Lyday also of Oklahoma City; one grandchild, Reila Carney, was raised in the home. Eighteen grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

NOTE OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone for the food, flowers, and prayers received in our recent bereavement. We especially want to thank the Newtown Methodist Church and the following ministers; Rev. Jerry Baker, the Rev. Jess Sullivan and The Rev. Joe Hill.

The family of Curtis Charles Simmers Jr.

Notice From Tribal Citizenship Board

If there have been any changes of addresses for tribal citizens, please notify the Citizenship Board with the change. This will allow the Board to make updates. The Board requests that if changes are needed for more than one citizen, spouse or children, to do so at one time.

The CN Citizenship Board encourages enrollment for any new additions to the household to be made as soon as possible.

If, at the time of enrollment the citizen's Social Security number has been omitted, contact the Citizenship Board so that the number can be added.

To contact the Citizenship Board write: CN Citizenship Board, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447 or phone 918/756-8700, ext. 224.

Pow-Wow & Fall Festival

On Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22 the Native American Indian Association will hold its 1989 Pow Wow and Fall Festival in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee at the Suggs Creek Saddle Club. Native American arts and crafts, food, storytelling and Indian stickball will all be included in the festivities.

The pow wow will also include competition dancing. For more information on the dance competition call Don Yahola after 5:00 p.m. at (615) 444 4899.



REGGIE THOMAS, OKMULGEE DENTAL FACILITY MANAGER is leaving the Creek Nation for a duty station with the Coast Guard. Taking his place as Okmulgee Dental Manager, will be Dr. Gary Adolph, right.

Dental Manager Leaving Okmulgee Clinic-

Reggie Thomas, Okmulgee Dental Clinic Manager, is leaving the Creek Nation Dental Facility at Okmulgee. Dr. Thomas has been detailed to a duty station as a dentist with the Coast Guard.

Dr. Thomas has served for one year at the Okmulgee Dental facility, one of three clinics operated by the Creek Nation. He has worked with Indian Health Service for three years.

"It has been the highlight of my IHS tour for the past three years," said the commissioned officer of this Okmulgee assignment. "It's been my pleasure to work here and I think the Creek Nation has an excellent dental care system—thanks to the Division of Community Services, who has

been instrumental in the delivery of dental care to Indian patients," he remarked.

Dr. Thomas received an undergraduate degree in 1982 in Biomedical Chemistry from Oral Roberts University and graduated in 1986 from ORU in dentistry. His parents are Harold and Gena Thomas of Van Buren, Arkansas.

A reception was held June 21 at Creek Nation for Dr. Thomas.

He will be replaced by Dr. Gary Adolph in the Manager's position and Dr. Todd Whitfield will be the new dentist, effective August 14.

The Okmulgee Dental Clinic saw forty patients a day or approximately twenty patients daily per dentist.

Congratulations Graduate-



JOYCE CHILDERS BEAR recently received a Masters degree in Education from Northeastern State University. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. She is the daughter of the late Mose Childers and Violet (Williams) Freeman.



Alice King

King Places Top Ten in Miss Oklahoma Pageant

Former Creek Nation Princess Alice King, competed in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant as Miss Lake Hudson (a title she won in November 1988), held at the ORU Mabee Center in Tulsa in June.

Miss King, out of 48 contestants, made it to the Top 10 on the final night.

This achievement won her \$1,500 in scholarship money, which she said would help her complete her Masters. Alice is currently a student at Northeastern State University. She lives at home with her mother and stepfather, Joyce and Turner Bear, Jr.

This summer Alice is working at the River City Playhouse in Tahlequah as a singer/entertainer.



TODD KENNEDY, TECUMSEH, earned a second place award at the state FFA convention in swine production. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy.



Creek Woman Receives OU Journalism Degree

Jacque Skeeter, a Creek/Yuchi from Glenpool, Okla., recently graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism/Public Relations.



JACQUE SKEETER, Glenpool, recently graduated from the University of Okla.

She has been active in the American Indian Student Association on campus and served as co-editor of AISA's monthly newsletter, "Sooner Smokesignals".

In addition, Skeeter was a staff reporter for The Oklahoma Daily, OU's campus newspaper and was a member of Public Relations Student Society of America.

Jacque has received numerous awards including an OU Achievement Class Scholarship, was named to Who's Who Among American College Students, first place winner of OU's Public Relations Case Studies Group Competition and recently honored as "Outstanding American Indian Senior of the Year," at OU.

She is the daughter of Melba Williams of Glenpool and Joe Skeeter of Mounds, and the granddaughter of Jimmie and Sadie Skeeter of Mounds.

NEW VEV PRINCESS-



MARCI SKEETER, THE NEW VIETNAM ERA VETERANS PRINCESS waves to the crowd during the Festival Parade. Marci won First Place in the Individual Category for the parade. She is the Daughter of Ramona Mason of Tulsa and Andrew Skeeter of Tulsa. -Photo by Elliot Barnett



NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY REGULAR SESSION-

INVITATION: Helen Chupco

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council, Muscogee Nation.

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken, with the Speaker declaring a quorum of Twenty-three (23) present and three (3) absent. The roll call was made as follows: George Almerigi - Present, Roy Bear - Absent, Thomas Berryhill - Present, Larry Bible - Present, Billie Burden - Present, Helen Chupco - Present, Irene Cleghorn - Present, Clarence Cloud - Present, Jonas Dunson - Present, Harvey Gilroy - Present, Clyde Johnson - Absent, Harley Little - Present, Sandy McIntosh - Present, Tommy Newton - Present, Ed Frye - Present, Donna Rhodes - Present, Leah Stacy - Present, Alexander Thomas - Present, Barton Williams - Present, Jerry Wilson - Present, Jerry Wilson - Present, Frank Kamp - Present, Bill Fife - Present, Johnson Buck - Absent, Robert Buck - Present, Kenneth Childers - Present, Micky Primeaux - Present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: January 28, 1989 Regular Session and November 5, 1988 Special Session. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Wilson to adopt the minutes of January 28, 1989 and November 5, 1988. The motion was seconded by Kamp. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty two in favor; none against; no abstentions. Motion carried. The minutes of January 23, 1989 were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Old Business - Veto Messages

1. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-03 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. The message was read and considered as follows: February 9, 1989. As Principal Chief, I Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 89-03 entitled "Providing Fringe Benefits to Members of the National Council" to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION ONE: A DETERMINATION OF THE COST OF PROVIDING FRINGE BENEFITS MUST BE MADE — Prior to the authorization of fringe benefits for members of the National Council, a determination of the actual costs must be made with a specific amount of funding in the appropriation.

OBJECTION TWO: AS A MATTER OF ETHICS, ANY APPROVED BENEFITS SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE DURING SUBSEQUENT TERMS — There has been much attention recently drawn to situations in which elected leaders have sought to increase compensation and benefits during their terms of office. The effective date of any approved new benefits should be upon the seating of the National Council members taking office in January, 1990.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that no action be taken on NCA 89-03 with new legislation submitted which would include the above provisions. Therefore NCA 89-03 is returned as a VETO.

Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override the veto. Primeaux made a motion to override. Burden seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, six against, no abstentions. Voting No were: Almerigi, Bible, Chupco, Dunson, Gilroy and Robert Buck. Voting Yes were: Berryhill, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife and Childers. Motion failed. The Veto by the Principal Chief stands.

2. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-04 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS — February 7, 1989

In accordance with the Constitution, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-04 entitled "Prohibiting Officers and Employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation from Entering Into Business Contracts or Doing Business With the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, or any Entity Under the Jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation" to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION ONE: THE PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 101 IS UNCLEAR — As written in Section 101, it appears the purpose of the legislation is to prohibit contractual employees, such as attorneys, physicians, and others under contract, from working for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The purpose of the legislation must be clearly defined.

OBJECTION TWO: SECTION 102 TERMINATES CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES SUCH AS ATTORNEYS AND PHYSICIANS

As written, Section 102, attempts to unilaterally terminate employment contracts with professionals working for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This approach is not the best interest of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and services to the people.

OBJECTION THREE: SECTION 103 ATTEMPTS TO DISCHARGE EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DUE PROCESS A CIVIL AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS CONSIDERATION Section 103, as written, suggests termination in violation of such basic principles as civil and individual rights and due process. Such an approach cannot be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION:

As passed, this legislation is grossly deficient as to purpose and content. The ordinance is in need of serious consideration and organization before enactment. Therefore NCA 89-04 is returned as a VETO.

The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion for the override of this veto. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Burden to override this Veto. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, four against, no abstentions. Voting No were: Almerigi, Chupco, Gilroy, and Robert Buck. Voting Yes were: Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newtown, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife and Childers. Motion Carried. The Veto was overridden and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation.

3. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-05 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS

February 13, 1989. As Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 89-05 entitled "Amending NCA 81-82, the Election Code" to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION: THE LEGISLATION IS UNNECESSARY AND ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE WITH THE CITIZENS' RIGHT TO VOTE IN TRIBAL ELECTIONS

The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Article IV specifically grants voting rights to citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to include 'All citizens having legal residences outside the herein defined jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation' by declaring of a district.

Further, when registering to vote, each citizen has the opportunity to declare a preference for voting in a precinct or by absentee ballot. The preference is signed by the citizen and documented on the registration form.

The legislation is unnecessary and discriminates against tribal citizens who have declared their constitutional right to vote by absentee ballot.

As tribal leaders, we are constitutionally and ethically bound to encourage citizen participation in the election process. Attempts to interfere with the voting rights of our citizens are unacceptable.

RECOMMENDATION: Since current procedures adequately fulfill the Constitutional requirements regarding the right of all citizens to vote in tribal elections, and since the current legislation would only serve to create a hardship on Creek people, no further action is necessary. Therefore NCA 89-05 is returned at a VETO.

Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd

The Veto having been read the Chair entertained a motion for the override of this Veto. Discussion. Burden made a motion to override and Stacy seconded the motion. Further discussion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, one against and two abstentions. Voting No Helen Chupco. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife and Childers. Abstaining were: Gilroy and Robert Buck. Motion carried. The Veto was overridden and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation.

4. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-07 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS—February 7, 1989, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-07 entitled "Amending NCA 82-48 to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION ONE: RELEASE OF PERSONNEL INFORMATION WITHOUT EMPLOYEE AUTHORIZATION IS IN VIOLATION OF THE PRIVACY ACT — NCA 89-07 claims that authority for the legislation is found in Article VI, Section 7 of the Tribal Constitution. However, Article VI, Section 7 clearly states that the National Council powers are restricted by the "laws of the United States of America". The release of personnel information without employee authorization is a violation of the federal Privacy Act. **OBJECTION TWO: COMPLETE PERSONNEL AND OTHER FINANCIAL COSTS ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON A MONTHLY BASIS** — All cost information necessary for future appropriations are provided monthly to the National Council in a document entitled, "Statement of Expenditures Versus Budget Appropriations". All personnel and related cost are clearly stated in the financial document.

RECOMMENDATION: Since NCA 89-07 clearly violates the Privacy Act and cannot be implemented, no further action is needed. Therefore, NCA 89-07 is returned as a VETO. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override this VETO. Kamp made the motion to override and the motion was seconded by Newton. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, three against and one abstention. Voting yes were: Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Thomas, Williams, Kamp, Fife, and Childers. Voting No were: Robert Buck, Chupco and Gilroy. Almerigi abstained. Jerry Wilson did not vote. Motion Carried. The veto was overridden and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation.

5. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-09 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS.

February 7, 1989, I Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-09 entitled "Reauthorizing a Cooperative Economic Development Cattle Project with Thomas McIntosh", to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION ONE: THE PROJECT IS NOT A VIABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENDEAVOR FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION. Due to changes in the economic conditions within the United States and Oklahoma, agriculture on a tribal scale is no longer viable as a significant economic development project for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The following is a statement of revenue and expenses from February 1988 through December 1988:

REVENUES	
Feed Sales	699.73
Other	27,799.24
Interest	1,689.43
Milk Sales	262,106.37
Livestock Sales	20,558.71
Beef Cattle	12,590.20
Swine	8,942.16
Gain on Sale	7,315.01
TOTAL REVENUE	341,700.85

EXPENDITURES	
Salaries	48,081.59
Fringe	13,289.92
Activity Supplies	14,333.90
Utilities	21,109.77
Loss on Sale	983.00
Swine	5,258.55
Livestock	4,000.00
Other	26,650.47
Fuel	25,217.25
Milk Hauling	13,473.59
Feed	11,496.17
Hay	4,184.08
Vet	7,788.27
Fertilizer	5,933.20
Raw Grain	169,837.87
Indirect	5,833.34
Equipment	8,500.00
Depreciation Expense	75,021.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$460,991.97

TOTAL PROFIT OR (LOSS) (119,291.12)

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In addition to the above revenues and expenses of the enterprise, the following expenses were incurred on the Bureau of Indian Affairs contracted "Natural Resources" program:

Fuel, Oil, Maintenance Contractual, Raw Grain	45,888.00
Salaries & Fringe	38,591.00

TOTAL NATURAL RESOURCES	\$ 84,479.00
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Without the contribution of federal program funds, the loss of the operation would have totaled \$203,770.12. Even if the "Depreciation Expense" is factored out of the calculation, the total cash loss of the operation is \$12,749.12. In light of current economic conditions, it is in the best interest of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to terminate the project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the National Council uphold this VETO, and also enact legislation to liquidate assets with the exception of facilities and real property. It is also recommended that the facilities and real property be made available for lease or other use with special considerations be given to Thomas McIntosh, a tribal citizen, for his efforts. Therefore, NCA 89-09 is returned as a VETO. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the override of this Veto. Frye made a motion to override the Veto. Cloud seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-one in favor, none against and one abstention. Gilroy abstained. Jerry Wilson did not vote. Motion carried. The Veto was overridden and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation.

6. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-10 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS—February 7, 1989. As Principal Chief, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby, return NCA 89-10 entitled "Vietnam Era Veteran's Inter-Tribal Association Requesting Start-up and First Months Expenses" to the National Council with the following objection:

OBJECTION: PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES A NEED FOR A NEW APPROACH TO THE PROJECT. Currently, the organization does not have in operation the smoke shop project which was funded by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Further, the facilities which were renovated by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are not being used by the organization and the organization presently has outstanding obligations. It is evident a new approach is needed for the project.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the following approach be taken:

A. That veteran's organizations be allowed to hold meetings and functions at the Tribal Complex at no charge to the organization.

B. That a reasonable grant from smoke shop tax revenues be made to the organization for activities rather than for the establishment of a business.

C. That the Oakdale Facility be used for service programs, except as noted below.

D. That the Okmulgee Indian Community be give the option to establish a smoke shop at the Oakdale site subject to taxation in accordance with tribal ordinance plus five cent (.05) per carton toward the lease.

Therefore, NCA 89-10 is returned as a VETO.

Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd.

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override this Veto. Discussion. Williams made a motion to override this Veto. The motion was seconded by Stacy. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty two in favor; none against and no absentions. Wilson did not vote. Motion carried. The Veto was overridden and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation.

7. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-14 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. February 24, 1989. As Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 89-14 entitled "Providing Eye Glasses for Citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Through the Eufaula Clinic" to the National Council with the following objections.

OBJECTION ONE: IDENTIFYING ONE SPECIFIC OPTOMETRIST IN EUFAULA TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES IN THIS BILL DOES NOT ALLOW CREEK CITIZENS THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR OPTOMETRIC SERVICES—A voucher system similar to the one used in the Elderly Eye Glass Program has proven to be an easier program to operate and makes it more convenient for Creek Citizens to obtain services in their local communities.

OBJECTION TWO: IT IS UNCLEAR WHO WILL ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM

Section 105, as written, states referrals will be made through the Eufaula Clinic. The staff at this Clinic will be unable to administer this program for the entire Creek Nation with their existing heavy workload. No funding provision was made in this bill for additional staffing.

OBJECTION THREE: THE EUFAULA CLINIC IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE FACILITY TO BE APPOINTED AS THE SOLE REFERRAL SERVICE TO OPERATE A PROGRAM OF THIS MAGNITUDE: The physical size of the facility cannot handle the number of persons applying for this program. In addition, it is not geographically located for convenient access for the entire Creek Nation.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that no action be taken on NCA 89-14 and that the attached bill be enacted in its place. Therefore, NCA 89-14 is returned as a VETO. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd

Upon a message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override this Veto. Kamp made a motion to override and Newton seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor; four against and four abstentions. Voting Yes were: Bible, Cloud, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Frye, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Kamp, Fife, and Childers. Voting No were: Almerigi, Chupco, Gilroy and Robert Buck. Abstaining were: Berryhill, Cleghorn, Dunson and Rhodes. Wilson did not vote. Motion failed. This Veto stands and will be recorded as such.

8. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-19 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS — February 23, 1989. In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 89-19 entitled "Establishing the Office of the Attorney General Within the Government Structure of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation" to the National Council with objections as follows:

OBJECTION ONE: THE REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFICE MUST BE REVIEWED AND CLARIFIED EXTENSIVELY PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION. — Before the Office of the Principal Chief can forward legislation for advice and consent, a need exists for all branches of government to examine the requirements and conditions of the office. This approach will ensure effective legislation. Areas of review should include terms of office, citizenship requirements, and duties of office. Other constitutional questions are also in need of clarification.

OBJECTION TWO: AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE AND ORGANIZE EXECUTIVE OFFICES BY THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL — NCA 89-19 attempts to remove the Attorney General Offices from the Office of Justice and create a separate Office of the Attorney General. The Constitution clearly vests the powers to create and organize Executive Offices in the Office of the Principal Chief. The Legislative Branch is limited to an advice and consent function which was provided in 1980 and satisfies the Constitutional requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VETO stand and branches of government work together to develop an office which will serve in the best interest of the tribal government and our citizens. Therefore, NCA 89-19 is returned as a VETO. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd

Upon the message having been read the Chair entertained a motion to override this Veto. A motion was made by Frye to override the Veto. This motion was seconded by Dunson. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty one in favor, none against and one abstention. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Kamp, Fife, Robert Buck, and Childers. Chupco voted No. Wilson did not vote. Motion carried. The Veto was overridden and will be recorded as such in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation.

1P. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supporting the Native American Press Association Section 100. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council

Assembled: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds the Native American Press Association is requesting a grant to unwrite an education conference. **Section 103** The Native American Press Association has established goals to: 1) develop and improve communication among Indian people and between the Indian and non-Indian public; 2) to provide unified and organizational strength for Indian Journalists and Indian press; 3) to promote the highest professional standards; 4) to conduct educational and technical assistance programs; and 5) to encourage Indians to enter the field of journalism. **Section 103** The Native American Press Association is coming to Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 2-4, 1989 to provide journalism in the print, radio and television news. **Section 104** The conference is sponsored by the Native American Press Association. NAPA is the only press association that provides Native American Journalism education and training on a national scale. **Section 105** The Creek Nation supports NAPA with a financial grant of \$2,000 to be taken from the Bingo Revenue Account to be issued to them within the next 10 days. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to adopt this Bill. Rhodes made the motion to adopt and the motion was seconded by Little. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Almerigi - yes, Berryhill - no vote, Bible - yes, Burden - yes, Chupco - no, Cleghorn - yes, Cloud - yes, Dunson - yes, Gilroy - no vote, Little - yes, McIntosh - yes, Primeaux - no vote, Newton - yes, Frye - yes, Rhodes - yes, Stacy - yes, Thomas - no vote, Williams - yes, Wilson - no vote, Kamp - yes, Fife - yes, Robert Buck - no vote, Childers - no vote. Motion carried. The Bill 1P was adopted and will be submitted to the Principal Chief for his approval.

2A A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing, Appropriating, and Programming Tribal Bingo Revenues for an Eight (8) Month Creek Nation Native American Youth Project. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. Youth represent the next generation of leaders for our Nation. Programs to develop, coordinate and involve youth in activities are needed at the local school and community levels. B. The Creek Nation Native American Youth Project is in its fourth month of operation. C. The Creek Nation Native American Youth Project is currently operating on a six (6) month budget. D. Current Youth Project appropriations are effective through April 15, 1989 through the BIA contracted Community Services General program. E. Continued funding is needed in order to maintain the development of the Youth Project for an additional eight (8) month period. F. Other sources of funding will be pursued. G. There is a need to continue the Youth Project to promote youth involvement in order to confront and resolve youth issues and concerns. **Section 102** The National Council hereby authorizes and appropriates \$40,516.00 from Tribal Bingo revenues to extend the Youth Project eight (8) months. The Budget for this program is as follows:

Salary - Youth Specialist	14,500.00
Fringe 30.8%	4,466.00
Travel	3,000.00
Office Space/Utilities	1,200.00
Telephone	1,150.00
Reproduction	1,200.00
Youth Program Activities	15,000.00
TOTALS	40,516.00

Section 103. Creek Nation Youth Development Specialist will submit quarterly report through the Executive Office to update the tribal government of the progress of the project. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval. Stacy made a motion to postpone and send this Bill back to committee until a Bill repealing former youth bill was submitted to Council. Bible seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, three against, no abstentions. Almerigi - no, Berryhill - did not vote, Bible - yes, Burden - yes, Chupco - no, Cleghorn - yes, Cloud - yes, Dunson - yes, Gilroy - did not vote, Little - yes, McIntosh - yes, Primeaux - did not vote, Newtown - yes, Frye - yes, Rhodes - yes, Stacy - yes, Thomas - did not vote, Williams - no, Wilson - did not vote, Kamp - yes, Fife - yes, Robert Buck - did not vote, Childers - did not vote. Motion carried. This Bill is sent back to committee.



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2.B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Requiring) Authorizing an Audit of the CARES Project in Okemah. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. NCA 87-36 authorized \$300,000.00 for the establishment of an economic development project known as the CARES project located in Okemah, Ok. B. The CARE project was discontinued after 1 year of operation. C. The Principal Chief has requested \$50,000.00 to liquidate the assets of the CARES project. D. Satisfactory justification has never been presented as to the reasons for terminating the CARES project. **Section 102.** In order for the National Council to make a rational decision regarding the disposition of the CARES project an independent audit is necessary. A. Within 15 days of this date the Principal Chief shall recommend an independent auditor who upon approval of the National Council shall be employed to audit the financial and business operations of the CARES project. B. The Tribal Administration shall cooperate completely with said auditor and provide all reports, policy, comprehensive business plan, and financial records of the business. C. This audit shall be conducted in accordance with NCA 88-72 AUDIT LAW ORDINANCE. **Section 103** Furthermore, a critical business evaluation is necessary in order to identify problem area which contributed to the failure of this business. A. Since the (OIO) Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity conducted the feasibility study of this project it is recommended that they do the evaluation. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained time for motions. Fife made a motion to approve. Burden seconded the motion. Discussion. Fife made a motion to delete language in Section 103 and amend with "cost of the independent audit is hereby appropriated from bingo Revenues. Cost shall not exceed \$5,000 dollars. Any unexpected funds shall revert back to Bingo Revenue". Burden made a second to this motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor; none against; no abstentions: Almerigi - yes, Berryhill - did not vote, Burden - yes, Bible - yes, Chupco - yes, Cleghorn - yes, Cloud - yes, Dunson - yes, Gilroy - did not vote, Little - yes, McIntosh - yes, Primeaux - did not vote, Newton - yes, Frye - yes, Rhodes - yes, Stacy - yes, Thomas - did not vote, Williams - yes, Kamp - yes, Fife - yes, Robert Buck - did not vote, Childers - did not vote. Motion Carried. This Bill will reflect this amendment and recorded in the Journals of the Nation. For the Bill. Sixteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Almerigi - yes; Berryhill - did not vote; Bible - yes; Burden - yes; Chupco - yes; Cleghorn - yes; Cloud - yes; Dunson - yes; Gilroy - did not vote; Little - yes; McIntosh - yes; Primeaux - did not vote; Newton - yes; Frye - yes; Rhodes - yes; Stacy - yes; Thomas - did not vote; Williams - yes; Wilson - did not vote; Kamp - yes; Fife - yes; Robert Buck - did not vote; Childers - did not vote. Motion carried. This Bill was adopted and will be submitted to the Principal Chief for his approval and action.

2C. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Funding for Travel, Training, and Other Expenses for Representatives of the National Council. Section 101. Findings: a. There is a need for Representatives to the National Council to attend training session seminars, etc. b. Sufficient funding for the National Council was not appropriated in NCA 88-46, the FY 1989 Tribal Budget. **Section 102** The amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the BIA Aid to Tribal Government Fund for the purpose stated in Section 101 (a) **Section 103** Funds not expended shall be carried over for the same purpose in FY 1990. **Section 104** These funds SHALL be made available to the National Council as of the date of this ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of this Bill. Cloud made a motion to approve this Bill. Burden seconded the motion. Discussion. Cloud made a motion to amend this bill by adding Section 105 to read as follows: Proper modification shall be made to BIA for dispensing amount requested. Williams made a second to the motion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote for the amendment was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Bible, Burden, Chupco, Cloud, Cleghorn, Dunson, Little, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp and Fife. Those who did not vote were: Berryhill, Gilroy, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Thomas, Wilson, Robert Buck and Childers. Motion Carried. This amendment was passed. For the Bill Fourteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Bible, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp and Fife. Those not voting were: Berryhill, Gilroy, Primeaux, Thomas, Wilson, Robert Buck and Childers. Motion Carried. This Bill was approved and will be submitted to the Principal Chief for his signature and action will be recorded in the Journal so the Muscogee Nation.

2.D A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation for the Creek Citizenship Board for FY 1989. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Citizenship Board, in order to operate the program for FY 1989, will increase their budget. B. That the monies be appropriated from the Tobacco Tax Revenues. **Section 102** In accordance with the findings, the Citizenship Board budget for FY 1989 shall be authorized and funded from Tobacco Tax Revenues as follows:

	ORIGINAL APPROVED	INCREASE	TOTAL
PERSONNEL	\$16,932.00	-0-	16,932.00
FRINGE BENEFITS @ 30.5	5,164.00	-0-	5,164.00
OPERATING EXPENSES	10,808.00	6,800.00	\$17,608.00
Travel/Seminars	\$1,000		
Office Expense	\$2,000		
Reproduction	\$2,000		
Stipends	\$1,000		
(\$45 @ 5 members/8 meetings)			
TOTALS	\$32,904.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$39,704.00

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained time for motions. A motion was made by Williams to adopt this Bill. The motion was seconded by Stacy. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor; none against and no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Bible, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp and Fife. Not Voting were: Berryhill, Gilroy, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Wilson, Robert Buck and Childers. Motion Carried. The Bill was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation. This Bill will be submitted to the Principal Chief for his approval and action.

2E. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation for Creek Election Board for FY 1989. Section 101 Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Election Board, in need of additional funds to operate due to elections in October 1989 will increase their budget. B. That the monies be appropriated from Tobacco Tax Revenues. **Section 102** In accordance with the findings, the Election Board budget for FY 1989 shall be authorized and funded from Tobacco Tax Revenues as follows:

	ORIGINAL APPROVED	INCREASE	TOTAL
PERSONNEL	\$41,265.00	-0-	\$41,265.00
Clerk	7,310.00	-0-	7,310.00
Clerk (Part-time/Temp)	12,568.00	-0-	12,568.00
Board Secretary	21,387.00	-0-	21,387.00
FRINGE BENEFITS @ 30.5	11,547.00	-0-	11,547.00
ELECTION & OPERATING EXPENSE	5,735.00	-0-	5,735.00

Election Expense - \$15,000.00
(includes printing, postage,
possible rental of voting machines
& training)

Operating Expense - \$20,000.00
(includes replacing computer disk
upgrade present printer, reproduction
maintenance contract, office supplies,
repairs, and stipends for election Board
members)

Temporary Personnel - \$5,000.00
(additional personnel needed toward
the end of the fiscal year to help
prepare election materials)

TOTALS	\$58,547.00	\$40,000.00	\$98,547.00
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The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained time for motions. Stacy made a motion to return to committee for further consideration. Rhodes seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor; none against, one abstention. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp, Fife. Abstaining was Berryhill; Those not voting were: Chupco, Gilroy, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Thomas, Wilson, Robert Buck and Childers. Motion carried. This Bill 2E, is sent back to committee for further consideration.

2F. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Funds to Install Lighting for Softball Fields located on Tribal Property in Wetumka. Section 101. Findings: A. AUTHORITY, Section 7, (3) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. The Wetumka Indian Community is a Chartered Community of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. C. Lighting for the Softball Field will increase the value of this Tribal Property. D. Lighting for the Softball Field will increase the use of the property by the Community, and, will provide a source of income to the Community through the rental of the facility to other organizations. E. Wetumka Community has provided "BID" (enclosed) which itemizes the work to be performed and the total cost of the project. **Section 102** The sum of \$25,487.57 is hereby appropriated from NCA 88-46, Section 101, C., ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT of from the Bingo Revenue Account. **Section 103** Funding for this project shall be forwarded to the Wetumka Community within ten days of the date of this Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained time for motions. Dunson made a motion to adopt this Bill. Cloud seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against; no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Little, Fife and Kamp. Not voting were: Chupco, Newton, Thomas, Wilson, Gilroy, McIntosh, Primeaux, Robert Buck and Childers. Motion Carried. This Bill 2F was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation and submitted to the Office of the Principal Chief for approval and action.

2G. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Donatin of Funds to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Okmulgee County/Creek Nation CASA Project (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is an organization which provides trained volunteers who are Court appointed guardian adlitem for neglected and abused children in the Court systems of the District Court of the Okmulgee County and Tribal Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (seven (7) additional counties). B. A CASA worker is assigned by the Judge of the Tribal Court to every case on his docket involving children who are wards of that Court. C. The CASA Project volunteers have worked closely with the Indian Child Welfare Act Unit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation since the Project organized in June of 1987. D. The Operational Budget of the Child Welfare Unit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is subject to funding decreases or de-funding at a time when caseloads are increasing. E. The Indian Child Welfare workers (3) are required to carry a caseload of approximately 200 intakes each, per year; whereas, the CASA volunteers are assigned to approximately 2-5 active cases at one time. F. The CASA Project is a vital component in quality service delivery to the children under the jurisdiction of the Courts. G. A need exists in Okmulgee County to provide emergency shelter facilities for victims of domestic violence, including children who are in physical danger from a parent or adult in the household. H. A need exists for emergency shelter facilities for Creek Citizens, who may be victims of domestic violence, including Creek Children who are in physical danger from a parent or adult in the household, wherein cultural needs of the victims will be approximately addressed. **Section 102.** The CASA Project proposes to purchase a building in Okmulgee to house victims of domestic violence, primarily women and their young children, as well as to operate offices to coordinate sexual assault counseling, rape crisis hotline, teen pregnancy counseling, parent's anonymous support group, mother's day out and many other much needed programs. A. The Okmulgee County/Creek Nation CASA Project has, for the last eighteen (18) months provided services to Creek children, within the Tribal Court and District Court. Twenty (20) of the sixty (60) children currently served by CASA are Creek children (roughly one-third of the present caseload). Therefore, the National Council authorizes a donation of one-third of the total cost of the building to be purchased, and one-third of the total estimated cost of refurbishing, insuring, furnishing, and start up costs. Funds to come from Bingo Revenues. B. The total donation of funds to the Okmulgee County/Creek Nation CASA Project for this purpose is \$18,001.00, as more specifically outlined below:

1. Structure Purchase	\$15,000.	@ 1/3 \$5,000.00
2. Insurance w/Liability	1,500.	
3. Repair/Refurbish to Fire/Building/Health Codes	23,390.	7,796.67
4. Shelter Furnishings to Code	5,075.	1,691.67
5. Program Start-Up	4,129.	1,376.33
6. Contingency (10%)	4,909.	1,636.33

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TOTALS \$54,003. \$18,001.00

C. The National Council further authorizes the unrestricted use of donated funds, rather than 'line item' use, with oversight of expenditures to be provided through the Community Services Committee of the National Council by way of written progress/expenditure reports to be provided by the Okmulgee County/Creek Nation CASA Project, and by on-sight inspection of the premises, until the donated funds have been expended in total. D. The donation of funds are not contingent upon the collection of any other part of the total budget, inasmuch as the funding for the remaining two-thirds (2/3) are anticipated from, in part, in-kind donations of equipment, supplies, and other necessary items; in-kind donations of labor and services; other case grants; and cash donations from the community at large. **Section 103** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to expend \$18,001.00 from the Bingo Revenue Fund for a donation of funds to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Funding shall be forwarded to the CASA Project within ten (10) days upon approval of Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of this Bill. Little made a motion for the approval of the motion and the motion was seconded by Cloud. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against; no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp and Fife. Those not voting were: Chupco, Gilroy, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Thomas, Wilson, Robert Buck and Childers. Motion Carried. The Bill was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation. Further this bill will be submitted to the Principal Chief for his approval and action.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: A roll call vote was taken to place item 2G on the agenda for action. The results were Fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions:

2G. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 88-41 To Include the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for FY 90. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The National Council had delegated to the Principal Chief under NCA 88-41 the authority to enter into contracts for the 1989 Fiscal Year with federal, state and other entities for the tribal delivery of necessary services to Indians within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. Recently, a call for proposals was made by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to apply for funding targeted at improving the health of Native Americans. C. After an assessment of the Creek Nation Health Services Administration, it was determined that a program targeting diabetes prevention and control would address the greatest problems affecting the health of the Indian population within the Creek Nation. D. The Creek Nation Division of Community Services desires to apply to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for funding for a diabetes project. This proposal is due March 21, 1989. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby amends NCA 88-41 at Section 153, A.5., to include the following: 5. OTHER: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of this Bill. Little made a motion to approve this bill. The motion was seconded by Burden. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Stacy to amend this Bill by adding FY 91, and FY 92 to the title. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp and Fife. Those not voting were: Chupco, Gilroy, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Wilson, Robert Buck and Childers.

For the Bill. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp and Fife. Not Voting were: Chupco, Gilroy, McIntosh, Primeaux, Newton, Thomas, Wilson, Robert Buck and Childers. Motion Carried. This Bill was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation and submitted to the Principal Chief for his approval and action.

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED ADJOURNED

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INVOCATION: Thomas Berryhill

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council, Muscogee Nation.
ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken, with the Speaker declaring a quorum of Twenty-three (23) present and three (3) absent. The roll call was made as follows: Present were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Childers and Primeaux. Those absent were: Roy Bear, Robert Buck and Johnson Buck.
MINUTES NOT COMPLETED FOR JANUARY 25, 1989 SESSION.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Old Business - Veto Messages

1. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-25 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS— March 9, 1989. I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-25 entitled "Appropriating Funding for Travel, Training and Other Expenses for Representatives of the National Council" to the National Council with the following objections. **OBJECTION: AID TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED AND APPROVED FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE ADMINISTRATION, REALTY SERVICES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRIBAL COURTS** - Under contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation receives funding designated as "Aid to Tribal Government" for the Lighthouse Administration, Realty Services, Economic Development, and Tribal Courts. As currently funded, the programs provide vital services to the tribal government. Diverting \$60,000 to other activities will eliminate all or part of the four current programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the National Council re-examine the level of need for the additional funding and seek sources of funding other than "Aid to Tribal Government". Therefore NCA 89-25 is returned as a VETO with recommendations. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd. The Veto Message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Veto. Kamp made a motion to postpone action until the requested information is received from the Principal Chief's Office. The motion was seconded by Frye. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor; none against, no abstentions. Motion Carried. Reconsideration of veto message will be postponed.

2. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-27 TO THE NATIONAL

COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS— March 9, 1989. As Principal Chief, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 89-27 entitled "Appropriating Funds to Install Lighting for Softball Field Located on Tribal Property in Wetumka" to the National Council with the following objections: **OBJECTION: PROCUREMENT IS AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH FUNCTION.** In recent months, there have been several instances in which individual members of the National Council have made business arrangements with providers of goods and services and have attempted to usurp sound procurement practices by appropriating tribal funds to specific vendors. Procurement is an Executive Branch function. The Legislative Branch can identify projects and appropriate funding. However, the solicitation of bids and the negotiation and execution of contracts is reserved for the Executive Branch.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the legislation be revised in order that the project can be implemented. Therefore, NCA 89-27 is returned as a VETO. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd

The Veto Message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action. Burden made a motion to override this veto, Stacy seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor; none against and one abstention. Chupco abstained. Motion Carried. The Veto of Principal Chief was overridden and will become an Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation.

3A A Bill - An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 88-70: The Contoller Act. Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 88-70, Section 112 is amended.

Section 102 The paragraph of Section 112 is amended to read as follows: The Controller shall prepare Quarterly Financial Statements which disclose Receipts, Encumbered, Expended, Unencumbered and Cash Balance, Contract Funds for all funds under the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This report shall be published each Fiscal Quarter in the Muscogee Nation News with a narrative explaining the financial statement. Upon the Bill having been read, the Chair entertained time for motions and action on this Bill. Discussion. Little made a motion to adopt this Bill. Burden seconded the motion. A motion have been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor; none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. The Bill 3A was adopted and will be submitted to the Principal Chief for his action and approval.

3B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Funding To Provide Eye Glasses For Citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Section 101. Findings: 1. A need exists to provide eye examinations, and if necessary, eye glasses to citizens of the Creek Nation. 2. Eye examinations and eye glass services are not available at Creek Nation health facilities. 3. Due to the demand for eye examinations and eye glasses at other Indian Health Services facilities, those services cannot be accessed through the referral process at the Creek Nation health facilities. **Section 102.** An eye glass program will be implemented and managed by the Division of Community Services. Community Services will develop detailed methodology for the implementation of this program at the passage of this ordinance. A more intense screening process than normally used at the Creek Nation health clinics will be implemented to specifically identify those individuals requiring an eye exam. **Section 103.** Services provided by this Ordinance shall be available to all citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation who are not eligible for services under the Elderly Eye-Glass Program. Priority will be given to school age children, grades K-12 who are enrolled Creek citizens at the passage of this ordinance.

Section 104. This program will provide a complete and comprehensive examination of the eyes not to exceed a cost of \$30.00 per person; and if glasses are required refraction for glasses, frames, single vision lenses, and subsequent alignment and adjustment of glasses for a period of one year at cost not to exceed \$70.00 per person. In the even multiple vision lenses are required by a patient, all eye glass costs over the \$70.00 limit will be responsibility of the patient. **Section 105.** A voucher system, similar to the Elderly Eye Glass Program will be used to assure convenience in accessing these services, as well as freedom of choice in the selection of an optometrist. **Section 106**

Citizens applying for this program must meet the following income guidelines (150% of poverty level):

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME:	MONTHLY	YEARLY
1		\$8,655	\$ 721.25
2		\$11,595	\$ 966.25
3		\$14,535	\$1,211.25
4		\$17,475	\$1,456.25
5		\$20,415	\$1,701.25
6		\$23,355	\$1,946.25

For each additional household member, add \$2,940.00. **Section 107.** The amount of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000.00) dollars is hereby appropriated from the Bingo Revenue Account to fund this program. The following is a budget breakdown:

Direct Services	\$30,000.00
Four (4) Eye Screening Machines	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$35,000.00

Section 108. Eye screening machines will be procured through the Tribal Procurement Process. **Section 109.** Services funded through this program shall begin no later than fifteen days after the date of this ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Williams made a motion to adopt this Bill. Primeaux made a seconded to the motion. Discussion. Williams made a motion to amend this Bill by deleting Section 106. Newton seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor; ten against, no abstentions.

Almerigi - no; Berryhill - yes; Bible - yes; Newton - yes; Frye - no; Rhodes - no; Burden - no; Chupco - yes; Cleghorn - yes; Cloud - no; Dunson - no; Gilroy - yes; Johnson - yes; Little - no; McIntosh - yes; Stacy - yes; Thomas - no; Williams - yes; Wilson - yes; Kamp - yes; Fife - no; Primeaux - no. Motion carried. The amendment will be recorded in the Bill by deleting Section 106. Further discussion. Almerigi made a motion to delete the last six words of Section 103. Chupco seconded the motion. Discussion. Almerigi made an amendment to his motion to delete the last sentence of Section 103. Second will stand. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor; fifteen against; no abstentions. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Chupco, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, Rhodes, and Kamp. Voting no were: Berryhill,

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Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Fife and Primeaux. Motion failed. The amendment does not carry. Discussion. Almerigi made a motion to substitute "the Elderly Eye-Glass Program" with "any other government funded eye glass program" and delete "at the passage of this ordinance". in Section 103. Cleghorn made a second to this motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor; fifteen against; no abstentions. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Chupco, Rhodes, Cleghorn, Johnson, Little. Voting no were: Cloud, Dunson, McIntosh, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Primeaux, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Newton, Frye, Stacy and Thomas. Gilroy, abstained. Motion failed. This amendment does not carry. Further discussion. Kamp made a motion to amend Section 103 by adding after Nation - "who have not received services". Discussion. Kamp withdrew the motion. Stacy made a motion to amend Section 103 by deleting the last six words. Bible seconded the motion. Upon a motion

having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty two in favor; one against; no abstentions. Newton voted no. Motion carried the amendment will be recorded in the Bill.

FOR THE BILL - a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor; two against; one abstention. Voting YES were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Gilroy, Dunson, Johnson, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Kamp, Fife and Primeaux. Voting NO were: Burden, and McIntosh. Abstaining was Little. Motion Carried. The Bill was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation and forwarded to Principal Chief for his action.

Note: Due to equipment failure the March 25 Minutes will be continued in the next issue of the Muscogee Nation News.

OLYMPIC RESULTS from Page 8...

BOYS

Mica Wolfe	Morris	6:19
Mark Hale	Morris	6:71
Shawn Golden	Henryetta	6:77

100 METER 8-9

GIRLS

Terrisa Osburn	Okfuskee	12:98
Stephanie Lowe	Wetumka	13:30
Angie Tilley	Choska	13:54

BOYS

Micah Wolfe	Morris	11:88
Mark Hale	Morris	12:68
Chris Muniz	Glenpool	13:27

200 METER 8-9

GIRLS

Janice Johnson	Chickasaw	26:74
Trisha Osborn	Okfuskee	26:84
Georgie Horse	Okfuskee	28:42

BOYS

Austin Jones	Morris	25:67
Gary Walker	Chickasaw	27:58
Kenny Morgan	Chickasaw	28:06

400 METER 8-9

GIRLS

Georgie Horse	Okfuskee	58:10
Kimberly Johnson	Okfuskee	59:99
Justina Factor	Morris	101:50

BOYS

Austin Jones	Morris	51:50
Gary Walker	Chickasaw	59:59
J.C. Morgan	Okfuskee	100:20

400 RELAY 8-9

GIRLS

Okfuskee	53:68
Morris	54:40

BOYS

Morris	51:10
Chickasaw	55:5
Okfuskee	55:77

400 MIXED RELAY 8-9

Choska	51:95
Yardeka	52:08
Chickasaw	52:50

SOFTBALL THROW 8-9

Larissa Foley	Morris	78'5"
Lela Culley	Okfuskee	73'7"
Janice Johnson	Chickasaw	72'9"

TUG-OF-WAR 8-9

GIRLS

Okfuskee	Chickasaw
Chickasaw	Okfuskee
Okfuskee	Chickasaw

BOYS

50 METER 10-11

GIRLS

Erin O'Dell	Caney, KS	6:33
Selena Emarthle	Chickasaw	6:61
Ella Randall	Weleetka	6:71

BOYS

Harold Fox	Morris	6:01
Kenneth Roebuck	Choska	6:41
Billy Long	Yardeka	6:44

100 METER 10-11

GIRLS

Christy Williams	Henryetta	11:47
Sherra Blue	Chickasaw	11:79
Erin O'Dell	Caney, KS	12:63

BOYS

Tyree Bracy	Morris	10:97
Tyson Bracy	Morris	11:50
Kenneth Roebuck	Choska	11:81

GIRLS

200 METER 10-11

Melissa Fields	Okmulgee	26:01
Justina Givens	Wetumka	28:11
Derekah Hawkins	Okfuskee	31:34

BOYS

Tyree Bracy	Morris	22:13
Harold Fox	Morris	23:62
Kevin Maddox	Chickasaw	24:24

GIRLS

400 METER 10-11

Salena Emarthle	Chickasaw	101:50
Derekah Hawkins	Okfuskee	103:41
Janice Johnson	Chickasaw	105:34

BOYS

Jonathan Toress	Morris	49:63
Kevin Maddox	Chickasaw	50:39
Shane Holland	Chickasaw	52:87

GIRLS

400 RELAY 10-11

Okfuskee	47:95
Henryetta	52:02
Chickasaw	52:91

BOYS

Morris	44:28
Chickasaw	50:34

400 MIXED RELAY 10-11

Wetumka	51:15
Chickasaw	51:35
Yardeka	52:07

SOFTBALL THROW 10-11

GIRLS

Justina Givens	Wetumka	118'
Selena Emarthle	Chickasaw	115'5"
Kristen Childers	Glenpool	104'2"

BOYS

Doug Jones	Chickasaw	165'6"
Tyree Bracy	Morris	147'9"
Gabriel Bible	Glenpool	124'2"

TUG-OF-WAR 10-11

GIRLS

Chickasaw	Okfuskee
Okfuskee	Chickasaw
Henryetta	Henryetta

BOYS

100 METER 12-13

GIRLS

Lisa Thompson	Yardeka	12:28
Jennifer Harjochee	Okfuskee	12:45
Ruby Starr	Wetumka	12:62

BOYS

Paul Gibson	Chickasaw	11:48
Benji Tiger	Okfuskee	11:83
Erwin Bear	Yardeka	11:95

200 METER 12-13

GIRLS

Ruby Starr	Wetumka	25:15
Michelle Walker	Chickasaw	25:26
Erin Smith	Morris	25:72

BOYS

Henry Morris	Chickasaw	20:93
Paul Gibson	Chickasaw	22:19
Chad Smith	Okfuskee	22:41

400 METER 12-13

GIRLS

Brandi Sharp	Chickasaw	48:52
Erin Smith	Morris	100:30
Gwen Morris	Chickasaw	101:26

BOYS

Danny Jones	Chickasaw	48:20
David West	Okfuskee	50:60
Colin Smith	Okfuskee	51:74

800 METER 12-13

BOYS

Chad Smith	Okfuskee	3:06.93
Mick Factor	Chickasaw	3:22.41
Lonnie Coats	Chickasaw	3:23.36

400 RELAY 12-13

GIRLS

Chickasaw	45:47
Wetumka	46:16

BOYS

Chickasaw	41:76
Okfuskee	43:30
Morris	46:71

400 MIXED RELAY 12-13

Chickasaw	43:02
Yardeka	44:19
Okfuskee	46:72

SHOTPUT 12-13

GIRLS

Gwen Marris	Chickasaw	22'1"
Paulette Starr	Wetumka	21'3"
Regina Morgan	Okfuskee	19'

BOYS

Jamie Spears	Coweta	24'8"
Jonathan Fish	Wetumka	23'7"
Stephen Factor	Muskogee	23'

100 METER 14-15

Kim McNac	Yardeka	11:57
Crystal Foley	Chickasaw	12:45
Stephanie Greenwood	Chickasaw	12:5

BOYS

Jimmy Stevens	Chickasaw	10:62
Junior Frank	Henryetta	10:75
Dwight Marris	Chickasaw	10:80

200 METER 14-15

GIRLS

Kim McNac	Yardeka	24:05
Stephanie Greenwood	Chickasaw	25:27
Darlene West	Okfuskee	26:07

BOYS

Ismel Jacobs	Chickasaw	20:17
Jimmy Stevens	Chickasaw	21:36
Jimmy Bland	Okfuskee	22:46

400 METER 14-15

GIRLS

Neenah Emarthle	Chickasaw	59:24
Melissa Culley	Okfuskee	102:62

BOYS

Colby Lewis	Chickasaw	40:85
Jeremy Wallace	Chickasaw	49:52
Legus Beard	Independent	49:45

800 METER 14-15

GIRLS

Stephanie Greenwood	Chickasaw	4:22.12
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BOYS

Tobiah Fraizer	Chickasaw	3:33.60
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EUFAULA DORMITORY GRADUATES OF 1989!



SARGE BLACK- the son of Agnes Littlehawk of El Reno and Kawa Black, Sr of Denver. Sarge participated in football and wrestling in High School and plans to attend Haskell Jr. College in Lawrence, KS.



NORMAN GENE DANIEL- son of Norman Daniel of Sapulpa and Janie McCosar of Sapulpa. He is Creek-Otoe-Missouria-Kaw and plans to attend East Central State in Ada.



CHERYL FACTOR- daughter of Julia King of Oklahoma City. She plans to attend Oscar Rose in OKC.

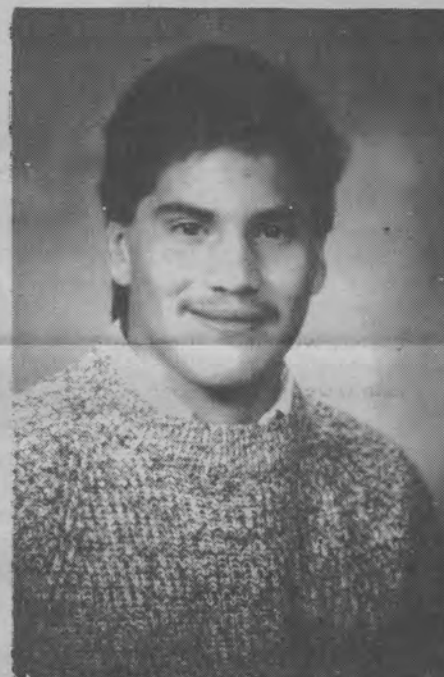


JASON JONES- the grandson of Jesse Jones of Coffeyville, KS. He is Creek and plans to attend East Central State in Ada.

VANESSA KAYE THOMAS

VICKIE CAMP- daughter of Sue Yahola of Okemah. Vickie was a member of FHA for four years, a three-year starter for the Lady Ironheads and she plans to attend Conners and will be playing for the Conners Cowgirls.

Vanessa Kaye Thomas, the daughter of John Nelson Thomas of Red Oak, TX, and Merrill Ludlow of Durant, is a graduate of Eufaula High. She began



LARRY DEAN McCOSAR- son of Larry McCosar of Sapulpa and Gloria Johnson of Oklahoma City. He is Creek/Seminole and plans to attend NEO at Miami.



JOE DON RIPLEY- son of Edith Ripley of Oklahoma City and Samuel Ripley of Oklahoma City. Joe Don plans to enlist in the Air Force and plans to attend college later.



VINSON SHIELDS- son of Yvonne Shields of Shawnee and Jerry Shields of Ardmore. Vinson was in the Art Club for the last four years. Vinson plans to attend College of Santa Fe in the fall and major in Art.



her high school career at Okmulgee High School where she began the accumulation of her many academic

awards and honors. She received an academic letter award, an honor certificate and medal for academic excellence, and was received into the Oklahoma High School Honor Society.

After her freshman year at Okmulgee, she started her three years at Eufaula Boarding School attending Eufaula High School as an EHS "Ironhead"- her honors include: French Club- 2 years; Art Club- 2 years (an honorable mention in a national art contest with various exhibitions of her work); competitive speech- 2 years (debate- regional qualifier, drama- regional and state qualifier), member of the National Forensic League, EHS Theater Guild, "accent" class for the Gifted and Talented, member of the Academic Contest team- 2 years (a quiz bowl team), and she was an honor roll student for four years in both the high school and boarding school.

As a dormitory student, Vanessa was the President of the Student Council and treasurer for the Muscogee Indian Youth Club. For her representation of the Eufaula Boarding School, she received the Creek Nation Outstanding Achievement Award. And, most recently, Vanessa received a cash award from the Ohoyohoma Club for the being the most outstanding senior at the Eufaula Dormitory.

Vanessa, the granddaughter of Bernice Thomas and the late Albert Thomas, dedicates her high school achievements to the one who encouraged her the most- her grandfather. She will continue her education at the University of Tulsa in the class of 1993.





CREEK NATION HOLDS SUMMER YOUTH CAMP '89

The Creek Nation Summer Youth Employment Program Camp '89, which includes Hughes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Wagoner and southern Okfuskee counties, was held (the first camp) on June 5-8 with 105 participants.

The second camp was held on June 12-15 with 110 participants from Tulsa, Okmulgee, Creek and Northern Okfuskee counties.

The welcome was given by Perry Beaver, second chief of the Muscogee Nation.

The Creek Nation Summer Youth Camp is designed to introduce participants, ages 14-21, to employment through the JTPA Program.

Following is a list of topics discussed and presented during the four days.

An AIDS education presentation was given by Negiel Bigpond, drug and alcohol coordinator at the Creek Nation Hospital in Okemah.

Helen Coon, Creek Nation Social Services, Cecilia Hornbeck, adult protection services Muskogee County Health Department and Diane Reynolds Eufaula Boarding School Health Nurse also gave presentations.

Jerry McPeak, Connors State College Agricultural Advisor gave a presentation on goal setting and self esteem.

The Importance of Academics and Self-Discipline was presented by Mike Flud, counselor and Chief Justice of the Creek Nation.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse information was presented by Jim Riley, drug and alcohol awareness outreach and former Miami Dolphin and OU football player and Butch Simpson, Director of Criminal Justice at Connors College and former Los Angeles police officer.

OLYMPIC RESULTS from page 18

GIRLS 400 RELAYS 14-15

Chickasaw	47:36
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BOYS

Chickasaw	36:87
Okfuskee	41:21
Wetumka	41:50

400 MIXED RELAY 14-15

Chickasaw	41:92
Henryetta	46:93

SHOTPUT 14-15

GIRLS

Melissa Culley	Okfuskee	30' 6 1/2"
Neenah Emarthle	Chickasaw	26' 9 3/4"
Loren Walters	Okfuskee	25' 5 1/2"

BOYS

Jeff O'Dell	Caney, KS	40' 1"
Shawn Porter	Chickasaw	36' 6"
Patrick Stewart	Coweta	36' 5"



THIS ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP OF YOUTH, AGES 14-21, GATHERED OUTSIDE THE EUFAULA DORMITORY TO HAVE THEIR photo taken for the Creek Nation Summer Youth Employment Program Camp '89 held June 5-8 and June 12-15. The Camp was a success and enjoyed by the JTPA youth summer workers of the Tribe. -Photo by Elliot Barnett

A lecture which discussed the importance of the motivation of Indian students was given by Cogee Keith, manager of Oklahoma Employment Services in Okmulgee.

Jimmy (Bunny) Hill, CN manager of social services gave a presentation over useful activities. A job proficiency presentation was given by Emanuel Morgan, director of the division of human

development.

Camp activities were provided by the staff of the Eufaula Boarding School and transportation was provided by Eufaula Public Schools.

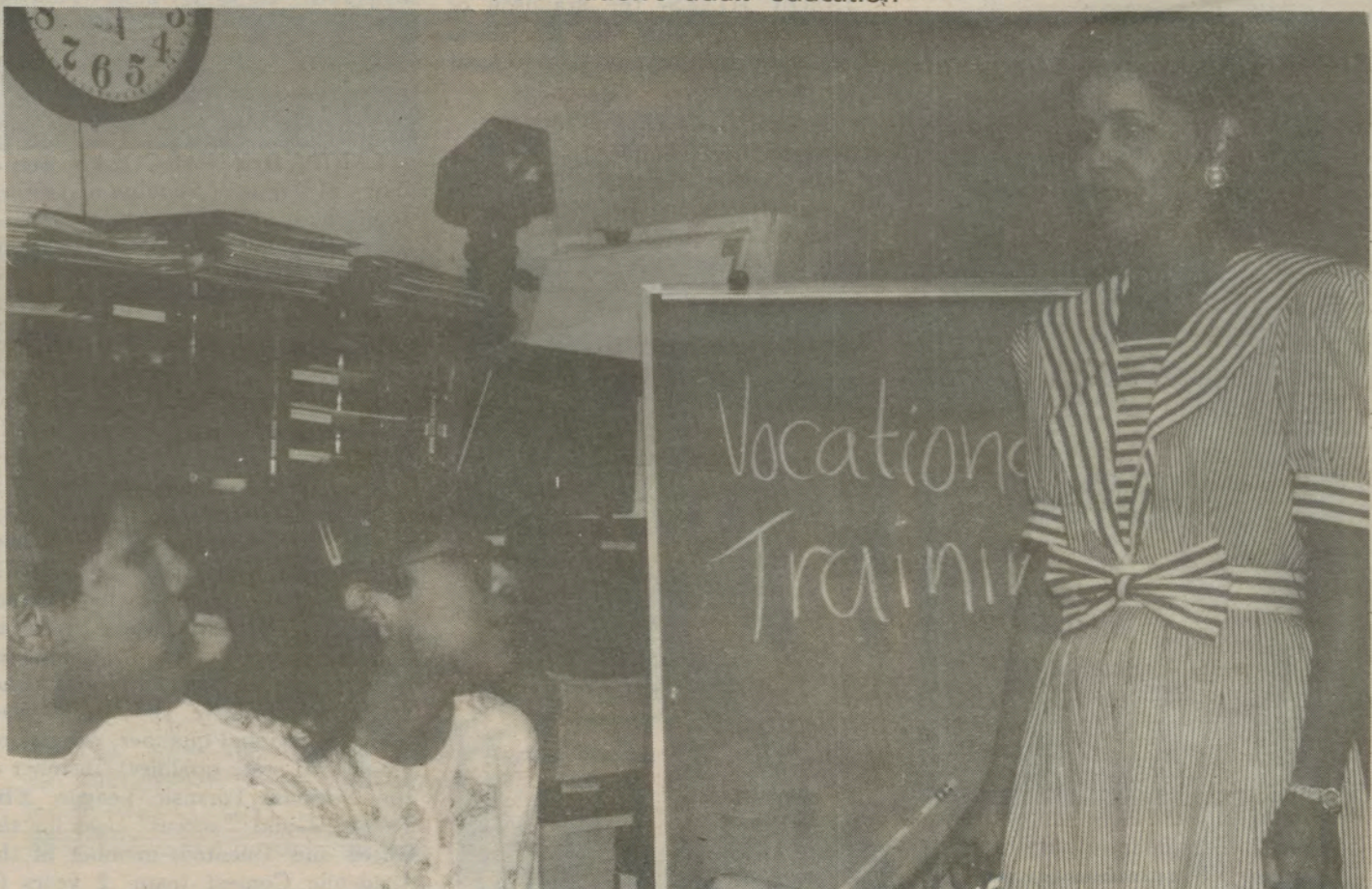
Vocational training and adult education presentations were presented by Dianna McCrary, manager of Creek Nation's JTPA and Joe Washington, manager of Creek Nation's adult education

program.

Higher education lecturers were Thomas Sullivan, CN higher education manager and Chennenna Davis, CN scholarship officer.

Perry Anderson, Creek Nation counselor/job developer was the Camp Coordinator.

David King, Creek artist, designed t-shirts for the Camp participants.



DIANNA MCCRARY, MANAGER OF THE CREEK NATION JTPA PROGRAM gives a presentation on Vocational Training to the Summer Youth during one of the daily workshops. Summer Youth workers (for the CN Communications Department), Winford Simmers and Ladonna Sumka, listen to Mrs. McCrary's presentation.



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SHOWN AFTER THE HEARING IN THE TRIBAL DISTRICT COURT WHICH RULED IN FAVOR OF CREEK NATION assuming the day-to-day management of the Tulsa Bingo Hall and to oust former management, Indian Country U.S.A. are, left to right, Principal Chief Claude Cox, District Court Judge Patrick Moore, Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Kenneth Childers, and Greg Bigler, Creek tribal attorney.

In a Show of Tribal Solidarity- Creek Nation Assumes Control of Tulsa Bingo- Ousts Indian Country, U.S.A.

By Kathryn Bell

The tribe, in a breach of contract suit with Indian Country, U.S.A., won in tribal District Court, July 17.

With this legal victory, the Creek Tribe assumed the daily management of the 1,200-seat Tulsa Bingo facility.

The lawsuit was filed against Indian Country by the Creek Nation in the tribe's District Court, after it was learned that Indian Country, a South Dakota-based private company that manages several Indian bingo facilities throughout the country, sold most of its interest to MECCA, a British-based leisure company- in violation of its (Indian Country) contract with the Creek Nation.

Judge Patrick Moore issued a temporary restraining order against Indian Country, U.S.A. in court July 10.

At the end of the hearing, Judge Patrick Moore issued a permanent injunction barring Indian Country employees from

the facility located at 81st and Riverside in Tulsa.

In his delivery of the ruling, Judge Moore stated that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation had the "sovereign right to approve and do business only with those they approve and this principle is one that's firmly rooted in the history of the Creek Nation."

The Judge further stated that there had been no testimony to rebut the fact that a contract was entered into April 4 between MECCA and Indian Country, U.S.A. without the knowledge of the Creek Nation.

The Judge further ruled that Creek Nation had the power to regulate commerce, power to exercise civil authority over the conduct of non-Indians, especially when that conduct, be it corporations or otherwise, has a direct impact on the political integrity, economic security, or the health and welfare of the Tribe.

"With these things in mind, the Court will change the temporary restraining order to a permanent injunction. The Court is going to deny the Defendant's motion to dissolve the temporary order and it's going to deny the motion for a temporary order for the Defendant."

The judge also denied arbitration saying, it would "fly in the face of the Constitution of the Creek Nation, and it would constitute a new contract. The Muscogee Creek National Council has the authority to approve contracts under our Constitution."

The response from the Legislative and Executive Branch of the Creek Tribe illustrated a powerful thrust toward unification and tribal solidarity: Chief Cox- "We have won yet another sovereignty battle and I feel great- the Creeks have always had battles but with our Constitution, we will work together- the

(See BINGO on Page 4)

Public Hearing Set on Three-Year Plan-

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will conduct a Public Hearing on the third Three-Year Plan Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mound Auditorium at the Tribal Capital Complex in Okmulgee.

The hearing is to provide tribal citizens the opportunity to comment on the plan for expenditure of interest income as provided by tribal ordinance. The Three-Year Plan is for fiscal years, 1990, 91, and 1992 and involves only the interest income of trust funds held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Principal Chief Claude Cox, Robert Davis, Controller and a National Council Representative will be present to receive comments. All Creek citizens are encouraged to attend.

Election/Candidate Information Posted

The filing period for Muscogee (Creek) National Council candidates has been set by the CN Election Board for September 18-20 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Election Board headquarters at the Tribal Complex.

The Primary election is October 28th from 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. The General Election is December 2.

The filing fee is \$100 payable by money order or cashier's check and NO CASH and NO PERSONAL CHECKS. These are payable to the CN Election Board.

Candidates must be: residents of the District they are filing for, enrolled Creek citizens and registered to vote, one-quarter Creek or more, and eighteen years or older.

WHAT'S INSIDE:

- First Annual Creek Nation Conference on Alcohol, Drugs, Inhalants
- National Council Profile
- Legislative Overview
- Arbeka Green Corn
- Community News



Henryetta Reunion-

There will be a family reunion for all members of the following families on September 16 from 11 a.m. until? at the Sumka Residence located five miles south of Henryetta on Lake Road north of Ryal: Hettie Lena, Charlie Lena, Sarah Hicks, Annie Bear, Lewis Soweka, Willie Sumka, Benny Taylor, Ella Hicks, Jacob Long, Mary Taylor, Lucinda McCullough.

There will be games, and a Gospel singing at 7:30 p.m. with MC Robert Jones. Bring your own lawnchair and a Covered Dish.



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OOPS! IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE MNN, WE FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THE SECOND PLACE OLYMPIC TEAM WINNERS- THE OKFUSKEE INDIAN COMMUNITY! WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR THE OVERSIGHT BUT HERE IS A PHOTO OF THAT OUTSTANDING TEAM WHO COMPETED AT THE ANNUAL CREEK NATION FESTIVAL! (See more Festival & Rodeo Results on Page 5).



3RD ANNUAL EUFAULA INDIAN COMMUNITY POW-WOW SLATED—

The Eufaula Indian Community is hosting its Third Annual Pow-Wow September 2-4 at the Eastside Baseball Field in Eufaula.

The Head Staff includes: 1989 Pow-Wow Princess, Audra Pickering, Master of Ceremonies-Stanley John, Head Singer- Chick Kemble, Head Man Dancer-Damon Roughface, Head Lady Dancer- Laverne Dru and Arena Directors, Lee Larney and Walter Larney. Vietnam Era Veterans will serve as Color Guards.

For more information, contact Eufaula Indian Community Office at 918-689-5066 or call Jon Tiger, 689-2976.

Arts and Crafts booths are available for \$20 daily or \$50 for all three days.

History of the Community-

The Eufaula Indian Community was founded by a handful of concerned Creek people who foreseen a need to promote the Indian people in this area through educational, health and self-help services. Alcohol and drug abuse awareness, encouraging and recognizing the Indian youth in the public schools in the Eufaula-Stidham area with educational needs, are one of the priorities of the community.

The elderly Nutrition Program provides a daily meal and is well attended by the elderly. The EIF Gift Shop provides an outlet for local artists and craftsmen as well as statewide talents to sell their

works. Much of the revenue from the Bingo-SmokeShop operation has made a lot of this possible.

The Community Center is located at 800 West Forest and sets on tribally owned Federally recognized land.

Dear Editor,

I am attempting to locate a 1956-58 classmate of mine when we were students at what was then called Haskell Institute. Her name is Norma Gilroy, a Creek from Henryetta. Her married name could be Wilson. If anyone knows Norma's whereabouts, please contact me: Sophie L. Lyday, 110 Town Court, Charleston, WV 25312 or (304) 744-6698 or Neva Runningwolf, 11A Kingcrest Court, Baltimore, MD 21207, (301)281-1062.

Thank You,
Sophie L. Lyday



Dear Editor,

Just a note of thanks. In the June issue, you put in my notice of the Francis Reunion, and it was held on July 15. It was a great success. A lot of my relatives receive the MNN and they saw the notice and was at the reunion. I usually send out a family letter and try to keep everyone up to date, but this year, I was just too busy, and so your paper helped me out in letting everyone know of the date, time and place. Thank you very much. I don't want to miss any of the news. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Rose Mary (Phillips) Sulphur

Dear Editor,

We are trying to locate the following named persons, or their heirs if they are deceased, in order to obtain an oil and gas lease covering mineral rights.

Josey Wolf, a/k/a Josey Jones, a/k/a Josie Jones, nee Wolf. Last known address: Wichita, Kansas.

Linda Wolf, last known address: Tulsa, OK.

Mattie Wolf, last known address: Tulsa, OK.

If possible, please print this information in your next newsletter along with our address and telephone matter. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Pamela Landers
Ed Orr & Associates
Petroleum Land Services
201 W. 5th Suite 500
Tulsa, OK 74130
918-587-4776

-NOTICE-

Please be notified that the Office of the National Council has a new mailing address. You may address correspondence to our office at: Muscogee Creek Nation, National Council Office, P.O. Box 158, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Dear Editor,

In case you haven't seen the enclosures (on recent headline events in Navaho country and casino raids on Indian lands), I am sending the copies from the New York Times.

I do look forward to receiving the Muscogee Nation News. It keeps me in touch with all that is vital.

Sincerely,
Josephine W. Bigler
Norwalk, CT



Percentage of Revenue to Benefit Restoration Fund-

Historic Creek Council House Depicted on New Visa Card



NORMAN O'HALLORAN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF CITIZEN'S BANK MARKETING, Sunshine King, Creek Council House Curator/Director, and Charlotte Newport, Citizen's Bank Vice-President, proudly display a replica of the Council House Visa card. In 1923, Judge and Mayor Orlando Swain founded the CIMA to collect and protect artifacts and recordings related to the history and culture of the Creeks. He was instrumental in preventing the demolition of the historic Council House in 1919.

Feature and Photos by Stephanie Berryhill

The 17th Century French poet Racine once said, "No money, no service." But it seems as if the fast-paced 21st Century has proven him wrong by outdating his quotation as well as its topic matter. Millions of Americans have abandoned cash in favor of the many advantages offered by "plastic money" or credit cards.

Mastercard and Visa were two of the first major credit cards. In the past few years they have become so accessible that most people can obtain a Mastercard or Visa through their hometown bank. With all of these little metallic gray cards floating around the sales counters a salesperson might mistakenly hand you back another consumer's credit card which could lead to a disastrous situation. This couldn't easily happen if your credit card is one of the unique new Visa cards offered by Citizens National Bank and Trust Company in Okmulgee. This Visa card, which is called Oklahoma's Heritage Bankcard, has a full color picture of the Creek Council House Museum. The picture, taken around 1939, was selected from the postcard collection of John Mabrey, Citizens Bank senior vice-president.

The Visa card is a service provided through Citizens Bank and an Oklahoma owned and operated incorporation called United Bankcard.

Citizens Bank first began working on plans to put the Council House on the Visa card about five months ago. According to Norman O'Halloran, vice-president of marketing, the bank's marketing committee came up with the idea of putting the Council House on the card in order to revitalize the bank's card business and to help with the Council House restoration fund.

O'Halloran said that there was no question as to what scenic site the marketing committee felt should be honored on Citizen's Visa card.

"Since the Council House is the focal point of Okmulgee we thought it would be a good idea for the credit card," he said.

The Creek Indian Memorial Association, a non-profit organization that helps fund the Council House is in the process of trying to raise over 1.8 million dollars to restore the Council House to its original state. This will be a very expensive project because, according to Sunshine King, Council House curator/director, the restoration project must strictly follow federal guidelines set by the Secretary of the Interior's standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Structures. One of the reasons that the task will be so expensive is because The State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service will monitor designs and construction specifications to see that the

existing materials and finishes are salvaged and kept as original as possible.

For example, King said that if the original window frames were at least partially salvageable they would be used in addition to new materials which would be reconstructed from the same material, size and dimensions.

In effort to help the organization reach their goal, Citizens Bank will be donating one dollar to the restoration fund every time a new card is issued for the rest of this year. O'Halloran said that two cents will also be contributed from every retail transaction.

Oklahoma's Heritage Bankcards focus on scenic spots throughout Oklahoma and according to Linda Heger, vice-president of United Bankcards Inc., there are over 61 of Oklahoma's Bankcards available at other banks across the state. But O'Halloran said that Citizens Bank is the only bank in the area that offers the card.

Since May 1st, when the Council House card first became available, the response has been very good.

"We've already had a lady from

Arizona write for an application. We've had lots of people pick up applications. It's a pretty card; it creates a lot of interest," said Charlotte Newport, assistant vice-president.

Newport said that the Council House card has become a small conversation piece when she uses it outside of town.

"The neat thing about it is people ask you about it. I've used mine several times and many people have asked about it. It gives you a good chance to tell people about Okmulgee. It also helps you feel that you are a part of the restoration of the Council House in a small way."

Applications are available at Citizens Bank, the Council House or at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Complex reception desk located at Loop 56 and Highway 75.

The Council House restoration fund donations may be sent to the Creek Council House Museum, Creek Indian Memorial Association, Town Square, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Council House Art Market September 29-30

By Stephanie Berryhill

The Creek Council House Museum will hold its second annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market on Friday and Saturday, September 29th and 30th at the Okmulgee Town Square.

Traditional and contemporary American Indian art as well as demonstrations, Indian food, gourd dancing and an intertribal pow wow will all be included in the festivities.

Artists who would like to participate in the art market may call or write the Oklahoma Indian Art Market contacts Sunshine King or Debi Johnson for applications. Reservations and booth fees must be sent in to the Council House by September 1st.

Individuals who are interested in presenting any type of

traditional craft demonstration, such as basket weaving, pottery, or ballstick making, may contact King or Johnson also.

The food booths will be restricted to the selling of Indian food only. Any Indian individuals, ceremonial ground members, Indian church groups or organizations are encouraged to contact King or Johnson in regard to obtaining food booths.

All individuals who are interested in participating in the art market must provide a CDIB card.

For further information contact King or Johnson at Oklahoma Indian Art Market, Creek Council House Museum, Town Square, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 or (918) 756-2324.

CN Social Service Field Day Schedule

The Social Services Program of Creek Nation, announces its schedule of field days as the following:

Sapulpa- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Location: Sapulpa Indian Clinic. Time: 1-5 p.m.

Muskogee- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Location: Muskogee Indian Community Bldg. Time: 1-4 p.m.

Eufaula- 1st and 3rd

Thursday of every month. Location: Eufaula Indian Community Bldg. Time: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (This schedule will be on a 3-month trial basis).

Holdenville- 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Location: CAP Center. Time: 9 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Wetumka- 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Location: Wetumka Indian Community Center. Time: 1-4 p.m.



NATIONAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Stephanie Berryhill

When the National Council convened on Saturday, July 29 they passed seven bills and two resolutions while allowing one of the Principal Chief's vetoes to stand.

The session began with two of the Chief's veto messages which were returned.

The first veto message was NCA 89-70, which concerned "Annual Budget Policy and Procedure." The ordinance would have required the Chief to prepare the annual budget requests with the advice and consent of the National Council. The Chief vetoed this ordinance for two reasons. The activities outlined in the bill could not be fulfilled until the 1991 fiscal year due to the fact that the planning and development stages for several programs have already been implemented for the 1990 fiscal year.

The National Council voted 12 to 10 to let the veto stand.

The second message veto was TR 89-02, a resolution which states that the National Council has delegated and empowered authority to the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board in order for them to negotiate and enter into contracts with the Indian Health Service on behalf of the Creek Nation. TR 89-02 is not actually a veto message, although the Chief did not sign the resolution and felt that it was a "dissemination of misinformation to federal agencies," which would weaken the tribe's negotiating position. The National Council officially recognized the resolution.

NCA 89-86, a bill introduced by Harley Little and Bill Burden, which would have established and appropriated bingo revenue for the Tribal extended Dental Program, was withdrawn by National Council member Little because Vicki Carpenter, director of division of community services, did not meet with him to discuss the legislation. The National Council unanimously voted to withdraw the bill.

"Authorizing a Grant for the Creek Nation Agri-business to use for Operating Capitol" was the first item of consideration on the agenda. The bill calls for the provision of \$45,000 in which the Agri-Business has come up short in operating money. This bill requires that the money be deposited in an account entitled the Creek Nation Agri-Business account and that checks be written solely by the manager or assistant manager of the Agri-Business.

Harley Little strongly expressed his concern over the matter.

"The last time I was down there (the Agri-Business) I was totally embarrassed to see the Creek symbol on the water tower. The man (Agri-Business Manager Thomas McIntosh) has done an excellent job in improving the place and he deserves the \$45,000," said Council member Little.

The bill was passed 17 to 2 with two abstentions.

Tommy Newton made a motion that would require McIntosh to submit a monthly income statement and activity report to the National Council.

A motion that would require McIntosh to submit an inventory of livestock and equipment every 30 days was also made by Second Speaker Frank Kamp.

"There's some equipment down there that has a strange way of disappearing," commented Kamp.

NCA 89-93, entitled, "Prohibiting Rental Fees from being Assessed on any Creek Nation Festival Vending Machine Located on Tribal Property," was addressed. This bill requested that the vending machines on tribal property, which are used to raise money for the Creek Nation Festival, be exempt from a rental fee.

The National Council unanimously adopted the bill.

NCA 89-88 entitled "Authorizing, Programming and Appropriating Tribal Bingo Revenues to Purchase Dental Equipment for Tribal Health Clinics," was the third item of consideration. Since IHS does not provide funding for the purchasing of new equipment the bill requests that \$94,080 be appropriated to purchase dental equipment for the Eufaula, Okmulgee and Sapulpa clinics.

Harley Little said that the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board was concerned with section 103, which gives the Chief authority to expend funds for the purchasing of equipment, although they did give their support to the bill.

"We're in dire need of equipment right now," said Council member Little.

The legislation was unanimously supported by the National Council.

The National Council voted 17 to 5 in favor of NCA 89-90 which will allow the appointment of tribal citizen Allie Reynolds to the Gaming Operations Authority Board for the next three years beginning August 1, 1989.

The confirmation of tribal member Paula Perkins to a one-year seat on the Citizenship Board through bill NCA 89-89 was also approved by the Council.

The National Council also

recognized a resolution of the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. which is a nonprofit statewide Indian legal aid organization which provides free legal services to the Five Civilized Tribes members in regard to heirship cases. In order to expand personnel and branch offices the OILS is preparing a grant proposal to the Administration for Native Americans, but 20 percent of OILS funding has to be nonfederal in order to receive the grant. In approving this proposal the National Council will be committed to providing support, contributions, and funding to the OILS heirship project if they receive the ANA grant.

The National Council unanimously passed the NCA Bill 89-95 entitled "Appropriation of Funds for the operation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board for the Balance of FY 89." This ordinance calls for the appropriation of \$2,000 from the bingo revenue account for the operation of the board.

With the passage of NCA 89-96 the National Council has authorized the Chief to sign a revised contract with Gamma Int. LTD. which will allow the tribe to participate in the satellite bingo game. Previously the contract granted Creek Nation territorial exclusivity within a 75-mile radius which would not allow Gamma Int. to provide goods or services to any bingo hall with the exception of the Otoe and Seneca-Cayuga bingo halls. Since the Thlophlocco Tribal Town is protected under the tribe's constitution, Jonas Dunson made a motion that an amendment, allowing Thlophlocco Bingo to participate in the satellite bingo games, be made.

The amendment was passed 14 to 3 with two abstentions.

The last item of consideration was a bill providing for the establishment of an enterprise that would be known as the Muscogee Development and Construction Authority. This enterprise, which would have been developed through the Native American Development Company, would have conducted a general development and construction business which would build and contract work upon housing, apartments, hotels, shopping centers, commercial, recreational or governmental development and construction, as well as employ Creek people.

Although the bill received strong support from Council member Leah Stacy, who made a motion to adopt the bill, the majority of the other Council members were strongly against it and thus the bill was rejected.

"I think you'll see that the monetary value is with them (NADCO) and not with the Creek Nation," said Council member Ed Frye.

Among the other Council members that expressed their disapproval were Mickey Primeaux and Clarence Cloud.

"I think it's an entity set up to make money and I don't think the tribe can benefit from it," Council member Primeaux said.

When NADCO President Jeff Standingbear asked Council member Primeaux if there were any amendments that he could make to the contract, Primeaux replied, "We don't like it. I'd amend section 101 through 117."

BINGO...

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Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of our government will protect our sovereignty. When the chips are down, we really get together."

On the subject of arbitration in the case, the Chief exclaimed "that's the last thing we'll do..."

Kenneth Childers, Speaker of the National Council praised the Tribe's judicial branch. "Our Judge made a fair judgement and I agree with the Chief- there is absolutely no need for arbitration," he said, and in a caustic manner, added, "I resent any non-Indian attorney coming into court saying we don't have any rights."

Second Chief Perry Beaver concurred- "It was a fair decision- it proves to our people that we are sovereign and sovereignty to me means responsibility..." Second Speaker Frank Kamp added, "Our Judge's decision was fair and everyone had their equal opportunity in our Court."

Gaming Commissioner W.E. Bill Foster, who, along with Chief Cox, took the stand on behalf of Creek Nation, said he was "very pleased" with the outcome of the hearing.

Tribal attorney Greg Bigler commented- "I am happy that a permanent injunction was issued. The Court order gives us a basis for protecting the tribe's interests in the future. The tribal court is cognizant of the Tribe's need to protect its sovereignty." Bigler added that "many tribes who have had bingo management contracts with outside firms have had trouble with those firms. This is not the first time this sort of thing has occurred in tribal gaming operations. But we've outlived many other tribal gaming operations."

The arbitration hearing was postponed until after the Supreme Court rules on Indian Country's appeal of the District Court's decision. There will be a pre-trial conference for both parties on August 19.



MORE... CREEK NATION

Festival & Rodeo



THE WETUMKA INDIAN COMMUNITY TEAM won the Sportsmanship Trophy at the Creek Nation Olympics. The team was coached by Helen Fish, shown above.

-Photos this Page by Elliot Barnett

RESULTS:

4. Terry Hammer- 5.33- \$410.97
5. John Donathan- 5.48- \$205.48
6. Calvin Murphy- 5.48- \$205.48

Team Roping-

1. Keith Bacon- 6.40- \$851.29
Joel Maker
2. Tarz Foreman- 6.46- \$1,381.68- Ben Foreman
3. Benny Jaye, Wayne Franklin- 6.53- \$1,093.83
4. Pepper Morgan, Joe Cagshewalla- 6.98- \$805.98
5. Paul Foreman, Joel Maker- 10.53- \$518.13
6. Benny Jaye, Norman Becenti- 10.68- 287.84

Senior Barrel Racing-

1. Kerri Adams- 16.481- \$735.30
2. Debbie Dennison- 16.497- \$551.47
3. Geneva Tsouhlarkis, 16.601- \$367.65
4. Lana Sehutts- 16.722- \$183.82

Creek Nation Rodeo Results—

Bareback-

1. Tommy Trott- \$693.50
2. James Duffield- \$633.43
3. Lynn Adeky- \$433.43
4. Wes Janif- \$173.37

Saddle Bronc-

1. Jess Knight- \$589.00
2. Phillip Whiteman- \$441.75
3. T.O. Yazzie- \$214.50
4. J.R. Hunt- \$147.25

Bullriding-

1. Roland Yazzie- \$775.53
2. Brad Fish- \$641.82

3. Roger McIntish- \$508.10
4. Randy Williams- \$374.39
5. Curtis Washington- \$240.68
6. Stanley McIntosh- \$133.71

Calf Roping-

1. Jack Foreman- 9.58- \$654.31
2. Dee Keener- 10.76- \$542.50
3. Howard Edmonson- 10.92- \$428.68
4. Joe Pickens- 12.33- \$315.87
5. Hal Thomason- 12.42- \$203.06
6. John Pickens- 12.86- \$112.81

Steer Wrestling-

1. Tom Botone- 4.60- \$851.29
2. Tony Girty- 4.69- \$704.52
3. Todd Tsosie- 4.76- \$557.74

THANKS TO OLYMPIC VOLUNTEERS!



THANKS TO OLYMPICS VOLUNTEERS, LEFT TO RIGHT, CN employees- Jerrie On-the-Hill (Higher Ed), Georgeann Delaune (Citizenship), Steven Landsberry, (CHR program), Christina Burgess (CN Community Hospital), Jo Mekko Hill, and Coordinator of Olympics, Bunny Hill (Social Services). Back row, left to right, CN employees- Woody Anderson (Economic Development), Fredo Anderson (JTPA), Judy Riley (CHR), Jerry Frank, Creek tribal citizen (Henryetta Indian Community) and Pat Frank (Indian Child Welfare), and Amelia Brown, Social Services.



THANKS TO THE CREEK NATION EMT'S (Emergency Medical Technicians) who were on hand in case of emergency. Shown are left to right, Tom Ned and Cliff Creek.



CINDY THOMPSON supervises as Edmond Birdcreek prepares to bleed the pig by cutting its throat.



EDMOND BIRDCREEK, Arnold Meeley, Huey Buckley and Acee Buckner and (not shown) Arnold Taylor and Alan King struggle to hang the 395-pound hog from a tree branch.



AS JUANITA ARTUSSE STIRS, she teaches Lydia Taylor how to render the hog fat which was divided among the nine family ground members and used for cooking.

Arbeka Ground Members Rekindle Dying Folk-Culture- Art of Home Hog-Killing...

-Feature and Photos by Stephanie Berryhill

With the exception of Stokesmith, there are very few, if any, ceremonial grounds that still execute their own hog slaughtering and butchering. But when Okmulgee District National Council Representatives George Almerigi, Thomas Berryhill, Leah Stacy and Barton Williams donated two hogs to Arbeka Talladega (Tulleteke) Ceremonial Grounds the members rekindled a dying part of rural southern folk-culture that had not been executed on their ground for at least 40 years.

Most of the ground members participating in the slaughtering and butchering were young men who were learning how for the first time. From the moment when the hogs were shot until they were cleaned and butchered Cindy Thompson, Cherokee Arbeka member, was at hand to supervise the young men. After the cleaning and butchering were over Cindy laughed as she recalled some of the things the young men had almost forgot to do.

"They tried to hang the pig up before they cleaned it," Cindy said.

She also offered the young men

advice on the easiest method to remove the 395 pound hog's hair. Recalling the way that her father had taught her, Cindy suggested that they roll the hog around in a barrel of hot water instead of pouring water over the hog.

"They said they didn't have a barrel, so I said, 'Go ahead and do it the hard way!'"

The teachings of the elders are not forgotten among these people. When the elder members of Arbeka are asked questions pertaining to why things were done a particular way the replies are usually similar.

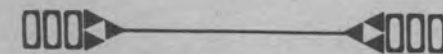
"Why are the hog innards braided before making fekce," was a question asked of Nora Factor. "I don't know," she replied "that's just the way my grandma taught me."

Cindy's son, Russell Thompson, Arbeka medicine man and newly appointed Micco of Nuyaka Ceremonial Grounds, said that the slaughtering and butchering process was not only just a part of the Green Corn preparation, but used for teaching purposes as well.

"It was more or less to teach the young kids what to do," he said.

Russell said that he would continue the slaughtering and butchering of the grounds own hogs.

With the guidance of Cindy, Russell and the other elders, the Arbeka Ground members are helping to sustain an interesting and important part of rural folk-culture that might have otherwise been forgotten.



Dear Communications Dept.,

The Creek Indian Memorial Association of the Creek Council House Museum would like to Thank You for allowing the Museum to participate in the Creek Festival by inviting us to host the Muscogee Creek Nation Arts and Crafts Competition.

The artwork that was done by the members of the Nation that entered in the Competition was exceptionally fine work. The Creek Council House Museum, of course, being concerned with the promotion of our Indian artists, was very pleased to find many artists that we were unaware of doing this quality of work.

We hope that this will become an Annual event at the Museum during the Creek Festival. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
T.A. Sunshine King,
Director, Council House Museum



JUANITA CLEANS AND BRAIDS the hog innards in preparations for making fekce.

**CN NATIONAL COUNCIL PROFILES- OKMULGEE DISTRICT**

George B. Almerigi

GEORGE ALMERIGI

George Almerigi is a member of the Wilson Community and serves as president of that Community. He is a practicing attorney with an office in Okmulgee and serves on the Board of Directors for Okmulgee County/Creek Nation Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and is a member of the Okmulgee Lions Club, Freemasons and Scottish Rites. He is a veteran of the Korean War. He is presently a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve.

He and his wife, Normal, live on a farm south of Okmulgee, and



Thomas P. Berryhill

TOM BERRYHILL

Councilmember Thomas Paul Berryhill, Jr., has served on the Council for two years and is a member of the Community Service Committee.

Tom and his family reside in Okmulgee and he is retired from nine years as a Senior Pressman in the Print Shop at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa.

The Councilmember was born in Tahlequah and raised in the Wilson Community and has been

raise cattle on a part-time basis.



Harvey T. Gilroy

an Okmulgee County resident all of his life.

He is affiliated with the Arbeka Ceremonial Ground, a member of the Alligator Clan, involved with the United Tribes for Christ and is presently the spiritual advisor for the Este Mvskoke (Red Stick) Party.

HARVEY GILROY

Harvey was born and raised in the Wilson Community in Okmulgee County, the son of Clemon and Hepsey Gilroy, who had worked for the Tribe for sixteen years before retiring in 1986. He is committed to fairness and honest representation for his constituents.

Gilroy, who resides with his family in Henryetta, serves on the Tribal Affairs Committee of the Council and is self-employed in the oilfield supply company.

LEAH STACY

Councilmember Stacy is from Okmulgee and is retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Okmulgee Agency, after twenty-seven years of service with two years of experience as Secretary to the Haskell Institute's Superintendent. She was as Vocational Education Development Specialist with the BIA.

She has served six years on the National Council and for four years as Chairman of the Business and Governmental Affairs Committee. She has two grown children, Richard of Texas and Jerry of the home.

BARTON WILLIAMS

Barton Williams, Okmulgee County representative has served on the National Council for four years.

He serves as a committee



Leah J. Stacy

member on the Human Development Committee and is the Vice-President of the Fact Finding and Investigative Committee.

Barton is employed with the Okmulgee County Sheriffs department where he serves as a deputy sheriff.

Councilmember Williams and his wife, Rita and son, Shawn reside in the Wilson Community. He is a Vietnam veteran.

UPDATE ON CN CAR SEAT PROGRAM-

The Creek Nation CHR office provides Child Safety Seats as a service to the local community. Efforts to promote participation in this program have attracted a minimal response.

A new strategy is proposed to promote and foster increased participation in this program. The strategy proposed is as follows:

-Indian people continually access tribal facilities for service. Tribal citizens drive from their local communities to the Tribal Complex day in and day out. Along with the adults come small children and infants. Often these children can be observed standing upright in the seats of vehicles, sitting unrestrained or being held by an older person. Generally those accessing program offices are for one primary purpose. However, if advised of other services, persons may be more likely to inquire about those services. In an effort to inform drivers of Oklahoma State Law relating to use of occupant restraints, the Tribal Lighthouse Administration and Tribal CHR office will collaborate to increase awareness of State Seat Belt laws, promote increased participation in Tribal Child Restraint Program and provide information pertaining to highway safety.

-The methods to accomplish these

goals are to utilize Tribal Police who will be responsible for surveillance of vehicle operators violating existing seat belt laws. Violators will be "warned" of applicable laws and referred to the CHR Office in cases where children and infants need restraining.

Long range initiatives in this area include establishing, adopting and enforcing Tribal Safety Codes.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR VOTER'S CARD?

October is the month for our primary election for National Council Representatives. Now is the time to check and make sure you are both registered and enrolled.

You cannot vote unless you have received your citizenship card with your roll number on it and registered to vote with the Election Board and have received your yellow voter's card.

If you are not sure- call the Election Board at 756-8700 and they will check for you. Your vote is important- Make sure it is counted! Register and Enroll NOW.



Barton A. Williams

—NEXT ISSUE—
Profiles on the following:
Okfuskee/Seminole District
Tulsa District
Wagoner District



-Staff Profiles by Kathryn Bell-

CN Communications Department Intern is NAPA Scholarship Recipient-



Stephanie Berryhill

Stephanie Berryhill, Henryetta, and who is serving as a Summer Intern in the Creek Nation Communications Department, was named a \$500 scholarship recipient from the Native American Press Association.

A Senior at Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK) this fall, Stephanie is a Journalism major. She received the NAPA scholarship for her career interest, scholastic ability, writing samples and experience. She is a staff writer for the Northeastern campus newspaper and has served as Associate Editor of that paper during the past school year. While on the Northeastern staff, she received a Meritorius Award for "Most Consistently Interesting Writing" from the newspaper advisor. While in high school, Stephanie won numerous essay and writing awards- among them, a Henryetta Chamber of

Commerce award and a VFW award.

Stephanie, Creek, is the daughter of Mike and Julie Berryhill of Henryetta and Joann Skaggs of Seminole.

A former Creek Nation Princess candidate, Stephanie's list of credits include a role in the Youth 2000 television public service announcement spots that have aired nationally.

Stephanie has worked at the Creek Nation Okmulgee Bingo facility for the past two years.

Stephanie is one of eight undergraduate American Indian journalism students across the United States to win NAPA scholarships for the 1989-90 school year. The total amount of NAPA scholarships given out during the academic school year was \$3,300.

Lisa Deere New Secretary for Tribal Lawyer



Lisa Deere

Lisa Deere has assumed the position of Secretary to the tribal

attorney, Greg Bigler, June 12.

Lisa was formerly with the National United Methodist Native American Center at Oklahoma City University for six years.

The daughter of Kenneth Deere (Associate Secretary of Commission on Religion and Race, United Methodist Church) of Maryland, and Joann Deere, Virginia, an Employee Relations Specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Lisa was born in the Creek Nation area and grew up in Oklahoma, Maryland and Kansas. She is the granddaughter of Fannie Chalakee, Coweta, and Melissa Long Deere, Wetumka.

"It is good to be back in this area of Creek Nation, especially for my children's sake, because I don't want them to lose touch with their Creek identity and traditions," she said. Her sons are: Tenetke, 8, Koosa, 6, and Paskova, 3. The children's paternal grandfather was the late Creek spiritual leader, Phillip Deere and their father is Bonnie Deere, Oklahoma City.

Lisa is a member of the Wind Clan, Kalagee Tribal Town and Salt Creek Methodist Church.

Creek Serves as OK '89 Olympic Festival Sportscaster

George Tiger, Liaison to the Principal Chief/Communications Coordinator, has received the distinction of being the only Indian sportscaster outside the Oklahoma City market area, to broadcast coverage of events for the OK '89 Olympic Festival Games.

The ten-day event took place in the OKC/Norman area July 21.

Tiger broadcast during three of those days covering softball and baseball events for KTOK, an Oklahoma City radio station.

Last year Tiger reported on area highschool football for the Oklahoma News Network (ONN). From this coverage, he was approached by KTOK representatives to cover the upcoming Olympic Festival. He agreed.

Olympic Festival. He agreed. "It was an honor, I feel, for Indian people, because there are not that many of us in the broadcast media. It was a personal honor because of the opportunity it afforded me in achieving this high level of recognition by a major radio market," commented Tiger.

"Another plus for me was to be able to report on the sports achievements of the Indian athletes I know personally who participated in the Olympic Festival," he said, adding that the Opening Ceremonies at Owen Stadium at OU were impressive - "but as I watched, I thought of the achievements of Indian people in our state and to see some of our own tribal members, like sports legend Allie Reynolds, who was the honorary escort for one of the Olympic teams-it really made me feel good. It is gratifying, whether it be in sports or other professions, to see people finally recognizing the contributions Indians have made to the betterment of our state."

Tiger has worked for the Creek Tribe (with some lapse of time away pursuing other career goals) for ten years. His past experience in broadcasting includes announcing local high school football since 1976 and is currently Sports Director for KOKL, radio in Okmulgee.

Within the last four years, he has broadcast two state championship football games, and four state champion basketball games, and two state championship baseball games and has covered high school sports from the largest 5A schools to the smaller Class A schools.

He is currently the Program Host of "Inside Native American," a public affairs presentation of KOTV-Channel 6 in Tulsa. He also has the distinction of being the only Oklahoma Indian to serve with the Goodwill Games Indian Commission.

Tiger, 39, who was born and raised in the Yardeka Indian Community of Creek Nation, served recently as a Coordinator for the 11th Annual Induction Ceremonies of the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame held in Tulsa this spring.

"I enjoy the opportunity to see our kids participating in athletics and then going on to higher educational opportunities. I have also enjoyed establishing the relationships I have with some of the outstanding high school coaches," he said, adding that he had met, through broadcasting, some of the influential people in the field, whom, according to Tiger, "have been very supportive and



whose friendships and professional affiliation have meant a great deal to me. One of these people is Bob Brewer, the Owner-Manager of KOKL radio here in Okmulgee- I appreciate him."

Reflective of his broadcasting experiences, Tiger revealed what he considers to have been a gratifying milestone of his career- "the recognition of my own Indian people and those times I have been able to serve as a positive example for our youth- like the young Kiowa who had seen me at a championship game in Oklahoma City and who came over to ask me how to get into broadcasting- to do what I do- and then, four years later, meeting this same young man who informed me that he was getting his degree in Mass Communications from the University of Oklahoma... now, that was rewarding..."



Shane R. Turner

Creek in Honor Society-

Shane R. Turner, an 8th grade student was recently named a member of the local Chapter of the junior Honor Society. He attended Alice Robertson Jr. High in Muskogee. Besides his scholastic abilities, his artistic abilities have been demonstrated by placing in poster contests. Shane is the son of Quetta Ridlon Harper, KS and Dale Turner of Muskogee. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Addison Harrison of Muskogee and Calvin and Betty Turner of Jay.



Creek is Sportscaster for State's Largest Radio Network-



DAVID GARRETT, Creek citizen, on the air for Oklahoma News Network.

Article and Photo by George Tiger

(OKLAHOMA CITY)--His voice is heard daily over the largest radio network in Oklahoma. During the football season, he is part of the Oklahoma Sooners football network, the second largest college football network in the country. His name is David Garrett, Sports Director for the Oklahoma News Network and a proud member of the Creek Nation.

Originally from Henryetta, Garrett takes pride in telling people about his Creek heritage. He recalls his grandmother, Lonie Berryhill Foster, speaking Creek in her home and he could feel the rich tradition she possessed.

During a recent interview, he shared some thoughts on his rise to his current position, highlights and lowlights since his employment with ONN.

His dues paying began at KHEN in Henryetta while a student in high school. According to Garrett, "my dues paying has paid off, I speak sometimes to students or even in front of civic groups and tell them I started in a small market and did everything from sweeping to running the board during the shifts nobody wanted. I went to Stillwater while in college at Oklahoma State and had a parttime job at KSPI on Saturday nights that nobody wanted because they wanted to be on the strip in Stillwater. I broke into sports with some talent and Bill Platt at KSPI allowed me all the opportunities to do anything I wanted and I just kept doing it and got better."

Fate played a big part in his career when veteran sportscaster

Bob Barry suffered a heart attack and was unable to announce

Oklahoma State football. Garrett was chosen to provide the play by play on the OSU football network. By having an opportunity to be on a larger network, luck also played a part in his career. After he completed the football season, other people were coveting his services. He was offered a position with the Oklahoma News Network which he accepted in 1987.

The highlight of his short career with the network would have to be his first year on the job when he covered the national college championship football and basketball games with the Oklahoma Sooners. "I don't think that will ever be beaten. The only way it could be beaten is to do both again and win both national championships. It was fun and interesting for me and it kind of spoiled me. To come on the network the first year and to go the final game in both football and basketball was tremendous and certainly would be highlights," he stated.

The lowlight for him so far is the recent resignation of Barry Switzer as head football coach at the University of Oklahoma. Garrett had a close working relationship with college football's winningest coach during his tenure at OU. "We talked every week for his program. He was very candid with me and we had talks about being honest with one another and producing a program that was off the cuff. If I made him angry he would go ahead and just respond and we wouldn't edit, and that's the kind of guy he was."

"I really like Barry Switzer and I hope we don't hear anymore bad things but, you

keep hearing rumors that we're going to, but, I respect the guy and he was always a pleasure to work with and never a problem. Of course, we see him on a different side than the public does so we have that kind of respect.

Although, he was complacent and a little bored with us most of the time, because we were interfering with his job and trying to do ours, he would be a hassle to work with sometimes because he wasn't really wanting to answer questions or whatever. But, that was a big disappointment to see Barry Switzer step down," he concluded.

Garrett feels that all of the negative things that have surrounded the University of Oklahoma football program will be turned into a positive direction with a new era under Gary Gibbs who was named to succeed Switzer.

According to Garrett, Coach Gibbs is a forceful, no nonsense type of coach and the "hammer" that will be needed with the football program. He also feels that Oklahoma will recover from the recent setbacks. "I feel that the

football team is ready to get back on the field and prove a few things- yes, Oklahoma can get it done even after these things are done. So, I think they are very serious about it, and I feel real good about Oklahoma's chances of being successful."

The interview was conducted during breaks of a nightly sports talk show on the flagship station for the network, KTOK in Oklahoma City. He was very gracious with his phone line guest who was a lady that had just sold her baseball team in Oklahoma City to some investors headed by former Yankee great and native Oklahoman, Bobby Mercer. As I was waiting for a break and a return to the interview, I wondered about all of the Creek citizens that are avid Sooner football fans across the country and how much pride they will feel this fall.

OU fans will not be able to watch their team on television, but knowing that a Creek will be providing the pre-game and post game shows may mean we will be listening just a little more closely to the entire broadcast.

-NOTICE-

The Office of Community Health is developing a project to gather from individuals, used, discarded and unwanted eyeglasses. Collection boxes will be placed at all clinics and the Complex for your convenience in donating your unwanted eyeglasses and eyeglass cases. For more information, contact the Community Health Service Department at Okmulgee, 918-756-8700 ext. 361.

CN Tribal Judge and Court Clerk Honored-



CN JUDGE PATRICK E. MOORE AND LANE MORGAN, CN COURT CLERK AND Tribal Court Assistant, were recently honored in their profession. Judge Moore was selected out of five Indian judges to preside over a case involving the Devils Lake Sioux Manufacturing Corporation against the Brunswick Corporation in tribal court in a legal dispute concerning the Tribal Dividend Income Tax. Lane Morgan was nominated and voted on by other Court Clerks to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the National American Indian Court Clerk's Association, at the Association's conference held in Reno in June. The twelve member board was chosen from over 200 Indian Court Clerks throughout Indian Country and represents all of the Tribes who have tribal courts. This is the first Board of Directors since the Association was organized.

-Photo by Stephanie Berryhill



First Annual Creek Nation Sponsored Adult & Youth Substance Abuse Conference A Success!

Congratulations Letter-

Dear Ms. Carpenter,

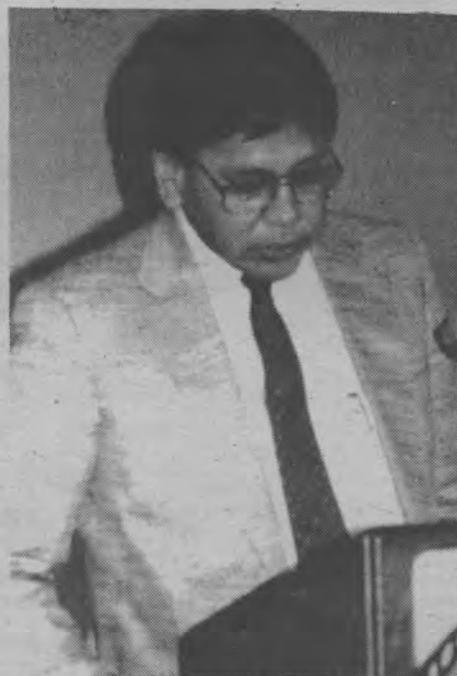
I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you and your staff on the recent adult and youth substance abuse conference. The conference was organized, monitored and operated in a most professional manner. I feel that everyone that attended enjoyed themselves and certainly received some important educational information from the conference.

Congratulations to you and your staff on a successful conference.

Sincerely,
Claude A. Cox
Principal Chief



VICKI CARPENTER, CN Community Services Director, gives the Welcome on the first day of the Conference.



DEAN TIGER, CN Youth Services Coordinator, opens the Conference with an eloquent Address on conference theme- "Together We Will Conquer."

By Kathryn Bell

A highly successful first Annual Creek Nation Adult and Youth Substance Abuse Conference was held July 10-14 at Fountainhead Resort and Conference Center on Lake Eufaula. The Conference was coordinated by the Creek Nation Division of Community Services under Vicki Carpenter, director.

Conference sponsors were Indian Health Services and the Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health.

Approximately 110 adults and 100 youth attended the workshops which were held for both adults and youth in such areas as self-esteem, leadership, prevention of substance abuse, counseling techniques and other professional training for adults involved in counseling.

Director and Conference Coordinator Vicki Carpenter saw the success of the conference in terms of "conference participation and the smooth progression of workshops and conference activities."

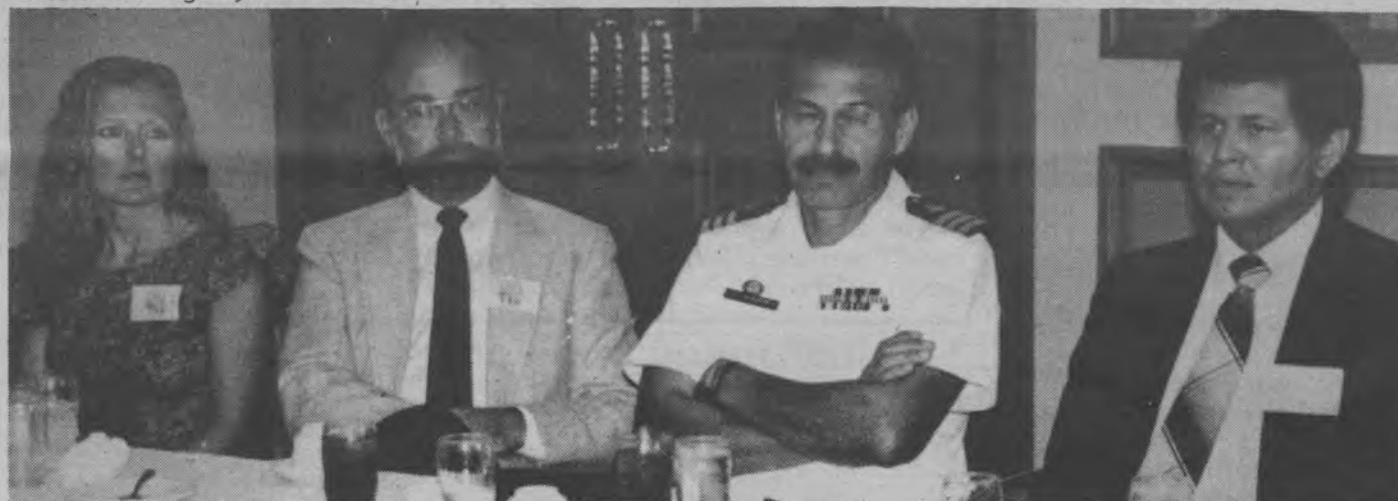
She said, "The most important aspect was that Indian Health Services and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health representatives who funded the conference, both concurred that this was the best conference they had ever funded with respect to workshop material, facilities and organization." Ms. Carpenter also congratulated her immediate staff for their involvement in planning the conference- Dean Tiger, Judy Rolland, Rosemary Ashley, Sherry McCart and Emma Bruner. "It is a huge undertaking for this number of people to plan such a conference and they did an excellent job."

Members of the Planning Committee were: Teresa Lopez, Barbara Preston, Pam Iron, Wayne Blueback, Lisa Brown, Amelia Beerbow. Carpenter, in Opening remarks also thanked Sharon Keasler, Field Representative from Senator Don Nickles Office for her attendance.

The representative of the State Dept. of Mental Health and IHS applauded Creek Nation for the undertaking and success of the Conference.

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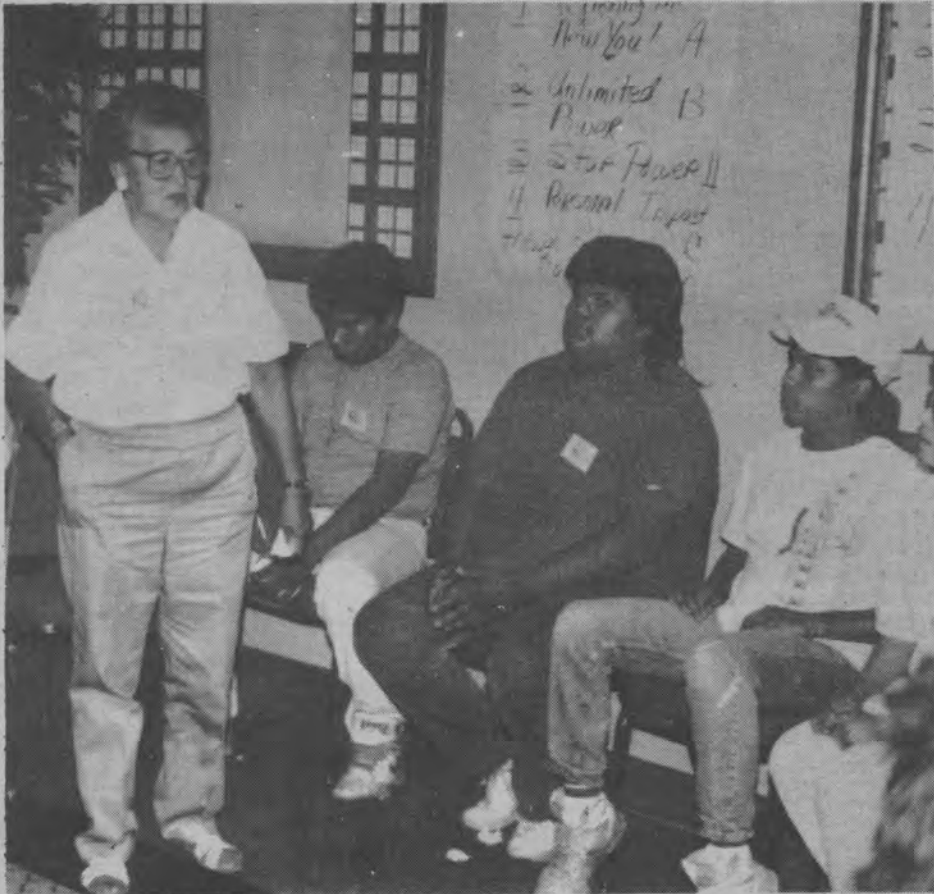
SEATED AT THE HEAD TABLE DURING THE OPENING SESSION LUNCHEON are Mrs. Steve West, Steve West, Director of Substance Abuse for the State Department of Mental Health, Conference sponsor agency; Dr. Robert Harry, Acting Director for area Indian Health Service, Conference sponsor agency, and Flanders Byford, IHS consultant who commended the Nation on their "tremendous efforts" on behalf of the Conference.



PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL CREEK NATION SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE CONFERENCE were these members of the staff from the CN Division of Community Services under Director Vicki Carpenter. They are left to right, Rosemary Ashley, Youth Services Secretary; Emma Bruner, Elderly Nutrition Secretary; Judy Rolland, Social Services, and Sherry McCart, Community Services Secretary.



CN CONFERENCE- ADULT AND YOUTH WORKSHOPS...



THE CULTURAL APPRECIATION WORKSHOPS WERE CONDUCTED by Lily Cox and Hepsey Gilroy on the Creek culture. Above, Mrs. Cox makes her point to the youth about the importance of heritage and their Indian roots.



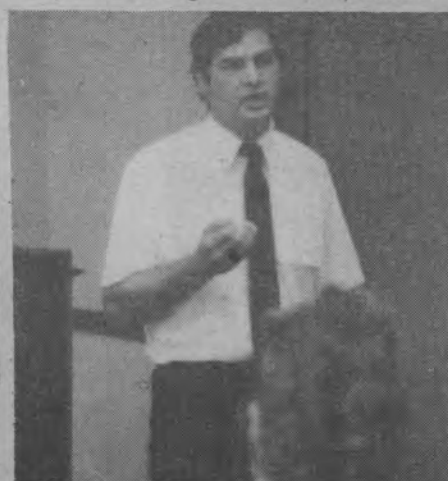
HEPSEY GILROY shares with the youth values from a lifetime of living them. The youth were respectful and responsive to the workshop presenters on cultural and spiritual values. The youth were organized into "families" for the duration of the conference and this was a high point for many of them.



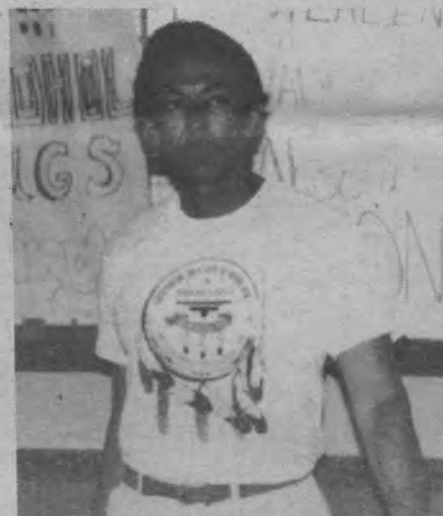
A WORKSHOP ON RECREATIONAL THERAPY was conducted on the Resort grounds for adult participants aimed at motivation and developing trust in working with youth. Bob Ryals, center back, is shown conducting the "Eskimo Toss" with our department's own Elliot Barnett (the "fossee") and Gary Robinson, left, along with other workshop participants.



LUIS IBARRA, background, dynamic workshop presenter, along with fellow presenters, Chuck Coleman and Jake Flores, held the attention and respect of the youth throughout the four-day the youth throughout the conference.



JERRY WILSON, Creek National Council member, Tulsa District, conducted a workshop for the youth on tribal government.



JAKE FLORES, workshop presenter, goes on list of "non-negotiables" for youth behavior on the opening day of conference.



JERRY KRAFT, Creek, conducts a workshop for the adults on Art Therapy as it applies to mental health counseling.



NEGIEL BIGPOND, CN Counselor, takes part in a drawing exercise as part of Jerry Kraft's workshop.

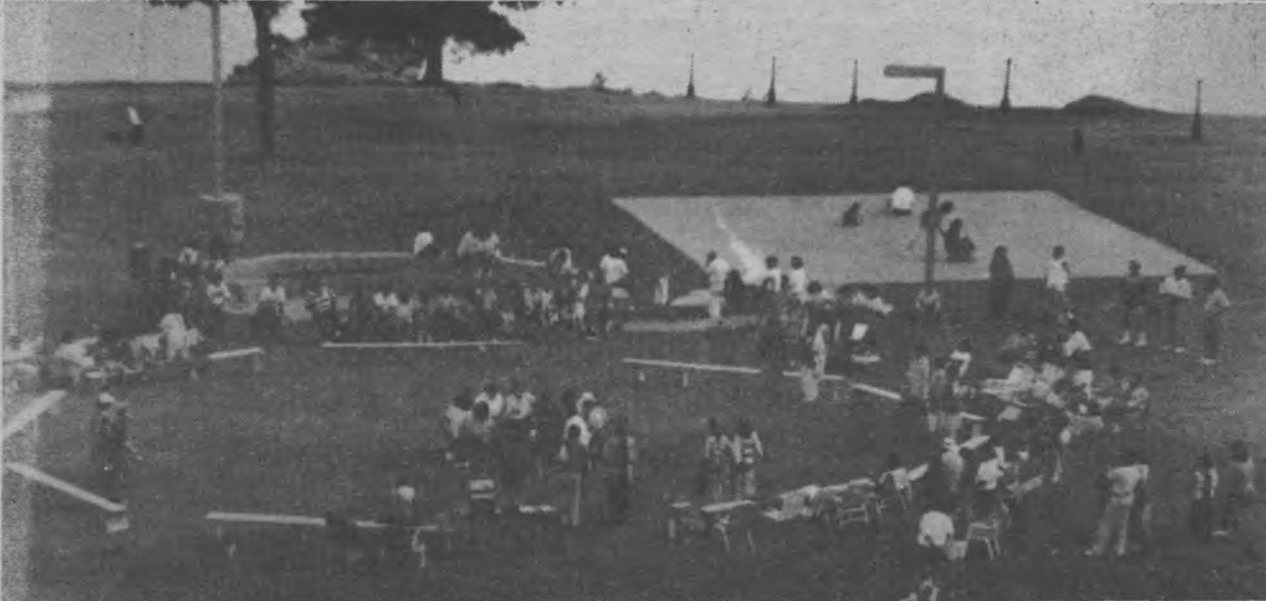


CHUCK COLEMAN, CREEK, presented such youth workshops as Star Power, and Self-Esteem building. He is from Oklahoma and operates a camp for minority youth in southern California.

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CN CONFERENCE- CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES...



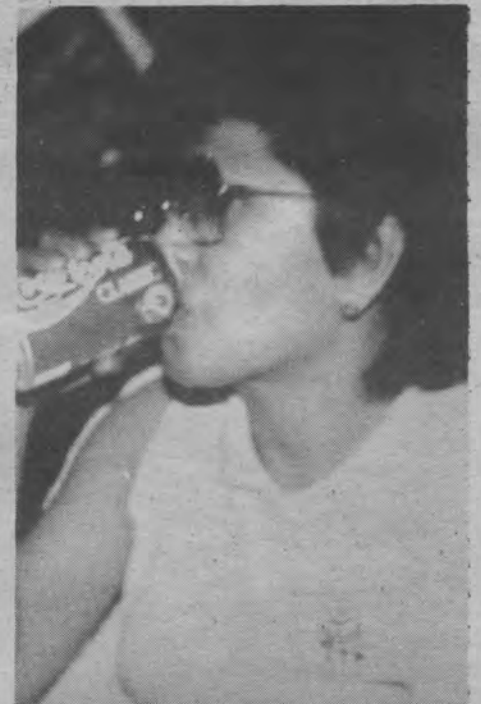
A **LAKESIDE POW-WOW** was held on the Grounds of the beautiful Fountainhead Resort overlooking Lake Eufaula. The cultural event was one of many that stressed the importance of Indian traditions and culture to the Indian youth and adults who work with Indian youth. Chief Cox, addressing a morning assembly of the youth, urged them, after they received their education, "to get involved with your tribal government- get an education first, but don't forget your tribe." Other workshops dealt with self-esteem and leadership- "finding the real You," as Presenter Luis Ibarra told the youth, which served as a secondary theme of the workshops for the youth.



THE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS ASSOCIATION, Muscogee Creek Chapter, right, served as the Color Guard and above are shown posting the colors near the circle of singers and drum at the Pow-Wow.



CULMINATING A GOOD WEEK OF INTERACTION AND INVOLVEMENT among the youth and the adults, who each had their own workshop strands to attend, was this Pow-Wow held the last night of the Conference on the Resort Grounds. Shown left to right at the Pow-Wow, which was emceed by Tulsan Archie Mason of Indian Pupil Education, were: Lisa Trice, NSU student and former Miss Cherokee, Dean Tiger, Vicki Carpenter, Miss Indian Oklahoma Nikki Owens, Anadarko, and Audra Smoke, reigning Miss Cherokee. A Pow-Wow orientation was given in an afternoon workshop for the youth by Jake Chanate and a Stompdance orientation was given by Creek George Coser, assisted by his brother Pete, of Arbeka Grounds, southeast of Henryetta.



AUGUSTA ANDERSON, CN CHR caseworker, takes a break from her duties at the Conference as an Adult facilitator.



ALICE KING, WELL-KNOWN CREEK BEAUTY TITLE HOLDER, and former Creek Nation Princess, made a special appearance at the Conference, where she sang some of Amy Grant's songs before the youth at one of their meetings. Alice has a music education and vocal performance degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.



LEANN TECUMSEH, OKMULGEE, was one of many happy faces at the Youth Workshops that involved learning, awareness and just plain fun and games!

-Photos this Page by Elliot Barnett



Arbeka Grounds Keep Green Corn Traditions Alive-



PETE TULSA, MICHAEL BERRYHILL, lead lady shellshaker Jean Hicks, and Alan King celebrate Green Corn as they dance around the fire.

Article and photos by Stephanie Berryhill

Not only does the birth of young animals, the blossoming of flowers, budding of trees and the greening of the grass signify the rebirth of spring, but it also indicates to medicine men, such as Arbeka Ground's Russell Thompson, that it is time for the

first gathering of the ceremonial ground members.

Traditionally the first gathering is supposed to be on Easter Sunday, but due to the calendar changes which has made Easter Sunday colder, the first gathering is usually after Easter.



MEDICINE TAKERS Arnold Taylor, Dan Siarr and Russell Taylor sit underneath the arbor as they rest in preparation for their all-night vigil while awaiting to be called out for the next dance.

"You have to look at the weather to judge when the best time will be, depending on the weather it is usually April or May. You have to watch the medicine to see if it will be big enough by then. You have to look at the ground, grass, trees and leaves. Sometimes you have to hunt medicine and it's not even up out of the ground yet," he said.

Arbeka has four squirrel soup days. The first soup day signifies the beginning of the dance season and at the fourth soup day it is determined when the last dance will be.

On the Wednesday or Thursday before soup day, which is always on Sunday, the men go hunting for the squirrel.

"The old saying is that you have to have at least one squirrel in the soup, but the rest are usually two-legged squirrels," joked Russell's mother Cindy Thompson as she referred to the chicken which is also in the soup.

As all grounds differ in the way they perform certain traditional rituals, so does the way they execute their soup days. At Arbeka the soup is eaten inside the ground in order to feed the fire. After these ceremonies are completed the ground members play stickball.

Cindy, who was once an avid stickball player, said she has given up the sport.

"I can't run no more; I'm stuck!"

Cindy, a full-blood Cherokee, who married Russell's father Newman Thompson when she was 18, also gave up shell shaking in 1928. Cindy no longer speaks Cherokee, but Creek instead.

"Since I married and moved over here I've forgotten it."

Just recently, over the July 14-16 weekend, Arbeka held its Green Corn. The ceremonial grounds that participated were: Hickory Ground, Muddy Waters, Stokesmith, Nuyaka, New Tulsa, Alabama, Fishpond, Peach Ground, Hillabee, and Gar Creek. Although the intricate details and meanings of the traditional rituals performed before and during the Green Corn cannot possibly be talked or written about in just a few short hours, Russell explained some of the basic preparations of Green Corn.

Arbeka Tulledega (Tulleteke) is the mother of Peach Grounds. The literal meaning of the word Tulleteke is "around the edge." Russell said that the name derives from a time when another ground branched off from Arbeka. It was said that if a person stood around the edge of Arbeka that he or she could communicate with the members of the other ground by hollering.

Russell said that Green Corn is to

ceremonial ground members what Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years is to non-Indians. To ceremonial ground members it is their New Year.

"It is when we replace with new things; when we begin with the the new year our thoughts and our minds are clean. We aren't supposed to have bad thoughts about anyone.

The time honored customs of Green Corn have stood strong over the years with very little changes. Usually Arbeka Ground members camp out at the ground for a week prior to Green Corn. When Cindy was young the members used to camp out two, sometimes three weeks before Green Corn. At one time the eating of corn was strictly prohibited prior to Green Corn, but now it is allowed if it has been frozen or canned from the year before.

"We may not be doing the same things that the elders did, but we stay as close as we can," Russell said.

Part of the routine tasks that must be done are cleaning the ground. Russell said that cleaning inside the ground is the top priority. After the inside of the

(See ARBEKA GREENCORN page 17)

GREEN CORN '89

By Tom Berryhill

The call of summers drums
have been heard
Memory, like the lingering scent
of the smoke of the fires
I long now for the cycle
to be reborn, I will remember

Under the appointed arbor
sitting, in the heat of a mid-summer day
abiding by the ancient command
self-denial, purification and renewal
Green Corn, Poskita
and our final night awaits us.

Intent upon every ritual
I watch, my eyes captive
Gladness is great within me
My ears are content
for every sound, a mystic
word fills the hunger
of my spirit with beauty
the life of creation, the four directions
are singing toward the Center
where the new sacred fire is kindled
Songs of winged ones
Songs of creatures hidden
in the blades of misty green
Around me,
The laughter of my people
like a blue refreshing wind
sweeping over me
And the earth, it seems, moves pleasantly
under my feet...the Sun obedient to its circle
passes too quickly
We have danced under its shadow
We have partaken of medicine gifts
Creator's life and breath upon us,
Like a cleansing prayer
We have taken for renewal

So I see, moved by the mysterious Oneness
the sun, the moon, creation and Morning Star
is clothed in their finest
they have come to celebrate
with us,
Their blessings

And somewhere in the Reflection
of the sacred fire
against the night,
The Faces of the Ancients I see
Their voices I hear
As we dance, they are dancing
and I long to meet with them again,
at Green Corn...



COMMUNITY NEWS

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS IS THE THIRD FRIDAY OR AUGUST 18.

BIRDCREEK

The Birdcreek Indian Baptist Church will hold their Fourth Annual Gospel Singing August 19, from 7:30-? The church is three and a half miles west of Sasakwa on Highway 56 and one-half mile south. There will be a concession and bring your lawn chairs.

Grave Creek Baptist Gospel Singing Set-

Grave Creek Indian Baptist Church will be holding a gospel singing at 7 p.m.-?, Saturday, September 23 in Hitchita. The emcee will be Eastman Factor. For further information contact Bessie Nevaquaya in Morris at 733-2302.

GOSPEL SINGING—

The Tallahassee Methodist Indian Church will hold a Gospel Singing August 19th at 7:00 p.m. The location is three miles north of Okmulgee and one and a half miles west. Bring lawn chairs. Larry Harrison, MC.

Family Reunion-

The Family Reunion of the Descendants of Newton Jimboy, Molly Anna Harjo Jimboy, Jim Barnett and Melissa Kanard Harjo, will be held Saturday, August 19 from 10:00 a.m.-? The location is the residence of Melissa Harjo, one mile south and one mile east of Okemah. Everyone is asked to bring covered dishes of vegetables, salad and dessert-enough to feed your family.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To Ester Bruner, Rt. 2, Okmulgee, Conchartry area, for winning the prize in the Elderly Games held during the Festival. They were coordinated by Evelyn Parker, CN employee.



FOURTEEN-YEAR OLD WILSON 9TH GRADER, Jimmy Berryhill, gets his eyes examined by McIntosh County Health Care Generalist Jeanetta Harjo during Vision Screening conducted by the CN Division of Community Services July 17.

-Photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Colonel Robison Descendants Reunion-

Descendants of Col. Robison held their annual reunion July 1, at Thlopthlocco Tribal Complex near Okemah.

Ben Birdcreek of Lawrence, Kansas served as master of ceremonies. Hosts were officers of the family gathering, Jessie Robison and Betsey Proctor, both of Wetumka. Betsey was unable to attend due to the illness of her mother (Eloise) both were missed very much.

Homage was paid to family members who died during the past year, they were; Buddy Joe Robison, Pauline Randall, Jesse Birdcreek, Abe Burgess Jr. and Lizzie Robison.

Gifts were giving to Susie Foster, 92, the oldest and only living daughter of Col. Robison. Foster resides in Okemah. The surviving granddaughters-in-law of Col. Robison include; Ruth, Marie, and Jessie Robison, who was the only one present. The youngest descendant present was three-month-old Sarah Richmond. Rick Robison of Houston, Texas was recognized for travelling the furthest distance and the son of B.C. Robison had the largest amount of family members in attendance. Horseshoe contest winners were B.C. Robison in the singles division and Randy Robison and Robert Braver in the doubles. Master of ceremonies, Ben Birdcreek, was presented a spiral Gods eye by the host in appreciation of his doing a great job.

Other family members who attended were; Tom and Lila Robison, Frank, Peggy and Jody Robison, B.C., Bettye Robison and children, Bill and Mildred Robison, Randy Robison and children, Rufus and Phylliss Robison, the family of Barney Robison Jr of Payden, Emma Lou Dunson, Juanita Clingman, Elizabeth Trickey, Nora Cheek, Mary and Mitchell Robison of Okemah, Camille Gann and children, Manny Robison, Rane Kelly, Barbara Kelly, Eddie Robison and family of Wetumka, Steve Randall, Betty Jones of Shawnee, Betty Pratter of Bixby, Robin and Sara Richmond, Mary Cheek of Glenpool. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ryan,

Leona Fish Irene Coker, Delta and Robert Morgan of Tulsa, Sinah Birdcreek, Limbo Manley, Bill and Dorothy Burden, Gary Langston, Susan Barnett of Weleetka. Wanda Weaver of Sapulpa, Amos Robison of Norman, Mishalle Putman of Bristow, Lizzie and Lloyd Roper of Okmulgee, Robert and Carlita Braver of Prague, Cindy Yahola of

Broken Arrow and Mel and Joyce Autry of Marietta. Those who attended from out of state were; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Robison and children of Houston, Texas, Vickey and Tracy Snider of Houston, Brick Autry of Demmett, Texas, Mark Autry of Argyle, Texas, Cynthia Benham of Russellville Arkansas and Brian Kissinger and family of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Reader Thanks CN Higher Education Department-

Dear Muscogee Creek Nation:

Each July numerous relatives from the Robison Clan get together in Weleetka area to celebrate their reunion. Although I have not yet been able to attend one of these reunions I have news that I would like my relatives to hear about.

As a direct descendant of Colonel William Robison and a niece of the late "Buddy Joe" Robison of Weleetka, I am very proud of my Creek heritage. This year my son James Henry Moore, "Jimmy" has added to the Robison honor with his academic and sports accomplishments.

Out of one hundred and sixty graduating seniors at Del Norte County High School in Crescent City, California, Jimmy graduated with high honors as salutatorian with a GPA of 4.11 and over \$8000 in scholarship monies, including several non-monetary awards such as the US Army Award in Academics, and the Bank of America Mathematics and Science Award. He also received a local trophy of a silver cup, the Jack Anthony McKellar Perpetual Athletic award. We were surprised and very honored when last week Jimmy received a call from Washington, D.C. The Seabee Veterans of America Marvin Shields Scholarship award was given to him. As one of sixteen selected students across the US to receive this award, Jimmy will receive \$1150 per year for four years, bringing his total awards to over \$13,000.

Jimmy will be attending Fresno State University at Fresno and will major in Physical Therapy with interest in sports medicine. Without these scholarships, he would not have been able to attend college.

As a recent graduate of Humboldt State University in Arcata, I feel that education is very important. I would like to encourage all Creek parents to "hold on" when they feel discouraged about their education or their children's education, no matter what age. Jimmy was one of those kids that had to sit alone because he talked too much and disturbed the other kids. Yet he worked hard and we made him do his homework when he was young. Our younger son has also made honors at age fourteen. He was another one who had problems in his first few years of school. Consistency and perseverance have paid off for us and I believe it works for others.

As I start my graduate studies in Native American studies and History in the Social Science at Humboldt State, I also want to thank the Creek Nation for their support through the tribal Incentive Higher Education Program. With the Tribe's support I know that I will complete my education.

**Claudette Robertson Moore
Crescent City, California**



**TULSA POW-WOW
AUGUST 10-11-12-13
MOHAWK PARK-TULSA**



MAKING THE TRIP RECENTLY TO THE DENVER UNITY CONFERENCE, was this group of Creek youth, sponsored by the Division of Community Services Youth Services. Shown are, left to right, front row- Chasilee Van Buskirk, Judy Rolland, sponsor and CN employee, Zac Anderson, Shelly Littlehead and Melissa Culley. In the back row, left to right are, Tyrone Barnett, Steven Powell and Dean Tiger, CN Youth Services Coordinator.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

Creek Nation Youth Council Report

By Dean Tiger, Youth Services Specialist

The Youth Services Department (YSD) is pleased to report that the Youth Council Project has really taken focus and has made its mark in not only our Indian communities and the state of Oklahoma as well. The Citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation can be truly proud of the youth of our Tribe. The youth have not only shown an interest in the program, but have also displayed it by participating in activities that have been made available to them through the cooperation of parents, school counselors and administrators, the Muscogee Creek National Council, and the Office of the Principal Chief.

We, at the Youth Services Department, realize that without a total effort from these valuable resources, this program would become non-existent. As the Youth Coordinator and on behalf of our youth, I want to say MVTO for your continued support of this program.

We realize that there are still many youth who haven't had the opportunity to get involved in this program. We want to assure you that every youth within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will have an opportunity to participate in this youth initiative.

The Youth Council Project has grown dramatically since its conception last October. Numerous schools and community centers have been visited, and there are many more that will be visited this fall. When we come to your school or community, please be open minded as we explain our youth program concept. We

are confident that you will find this program will fit all your needs and expectations.

To the youth who have participated in the Youth Leadership Conference to date, I want to say that a lot will be asked of you in the coming months. As you learn solutions to problems in your school or community, act on them with confidence that you displayed at these meetings. This is not a one time learning experience, but a time for you to share your experience with others in your school or community. This program doesn't stop when school is out for the summer or start up when school resumes, but is on going throughout the year because the concerns of your friends and family and future of the tribe do not take vacations.

In June, the YSD sponsored eight students to attend the National UNITY Conference in Denver. One student from each of the eight Creek Nation counties was asked to attend. At this conference fifty-three students tribes, organizations and schools were represented. There were over four hundred youth and their sponsors from twenty-two states including Canada. During this conference, one of our youth, Zac Anderson from Eufaula, was asked to introduce Mr. David Lester, Executive Director of CERT (Council of Energy Resource Tribes). Mr. Lester is a Creek, originally from Okemah. He stated during his speech that he considered it an honor to be introduced by a fellow tribal member.

One of the components of the conference was an "open

microphone" setting where the students were asked to speak on Spirituality. Zac Anderson spoke, saying, "spirituality was not only a belief and faith in God, but also a belief and faith in the commitment it takes to achieve those goals." Another Creek Nation student, Chasilee VanBuskirk from Glenpool, participated in a talent show along with students from other tribes and organizations. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation youth made a positive impact on those who were at the conference with their assertiveness and the positive attitudes they displayed. We, at the YSD, are very proud in the manner in which they conducted themselves.

In next month's article, we will report on the Adult/Youth Alcohol and Substance Abuse Conference held recently in Eufaula at Fountainhead Resort.



MS. GRAYSON accepts her Education degree at Graduation at the University of Oklahoma.



Kelley Participates in UCLA Research Project

Congratulations to Lance Kelley, who has been selected and is presently participating in the 1989 Minority Summer Research Program sponsored by the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Graduate Division, and the Graduate Affirmative Affairs office. The program offers research opportunities for eight weeks with a UCLA faculty member.

He is a Political Science major at the University of Oklahoma and will graduate in December. He was recently the recipient of the Creek Tribe Incentive grant award with a GPA of 3.47 for the spring semester.

Lance is Creek/Shoshone/Paiute and the son of Jess and Barbara Kelley, Tulsa and the grandson of Mary Lee Day of Tulsa.

OILS Schedule-

The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) will be at Creek Nation the first Thursday of each month to discuss legal problems. They do not handle criminal cases. You can make an appointment by calling the OILS office at 1-800-759- 0805. OILS will be at Creek Nation on the following dates:

September 7, October 5,
November 2 and December 7

Creek Woman Receives OU Education Degree-

Sandra Grayson, Creek-Cherokee, graduated from the University of Oklahoma May 6 with a BA in Education. She maintained a GPA of 4.0 and was listed on the Presidents Honor Roll.

She has accepted employment with the Oklahoma City Public School System beginning this fall.

Ms. Grayson is the daughter of Willie and Pat Pigeon of Okemah; and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caine Roberts, Okemah and the late Sam and Easter Pigeon of Tahlequah.



Oklahoma Methodist Bishop Soloman Makes Annual Appointments at Indian Missionary Conference-



NEW BISHOP DAN E. SOLOMAN AND MRS. SOLOMAN joined Principal Chief Cox and Mrs. Cox at their New Town Methodist camphouse, to celebrate the Chief's 76th birthday, Friday, June 9th.



KENNETH DEERE, OFFICE OF RACE AND RELIGION, United Methodist National Headquarters, Washington D.C., takes time to visit with old friends, Sam Wynn, Lumbee, North Carolina, and Marilyn Hofstra, Choctaw from California, before services. These were among the many who came from all over the nation to attend the annual Indian Methodist Missionary Conference. Deere, Creek, was raised in the Salt Creek Community near Okemah.

-Photos this page by Gary Robinson
By Ruth Checotah Betsillie

History relates that the road to the Indian Missionary Conference was a saga of white missionary courage and endurance. Their process to proselytize the Indians was complicated by penetrating conflicts between pioneering constants and variables. The constants being those of disease, alcohol and religion. The variables being those of decision, attitude and judgement. These constants and variables were wielded by white government representat-

ives to grant or not grant seed for planting--to disperse or not disperse tools for farming among newly arriving Indians from the Southern states. When the moral issues of cultural exchange were modified, up from the red earth grew places like Hitchtee, Salt Creek, Pickett Chapel, Little Cussetah, Big Cussetah, Newtown; the southern district, the western district and more Indian Methodist churches. Of the three constants, religion as expressed

by the Methodist doctrine has lifted up the spiritual, intellectual and moral capacities of Oklahoma Indians.

History also verifies that a nation's government is directly related to the essence of it's leader. If we apply this analogy to the Methodist hierarchy, then it will be elevated by policies of the new Bishop. He is a hard-working, down-to-earth fellow. He is already held high in esteem from

Tulsa's metropolitan Boston Avenue Methodist church to Okmulgee's rural New Town Methodist church. Let us hope that we will find a special place in his prayers.

When examining the qualities of white missionaries who led the first camp meetings in Indian Territory, we find that in essence, they were not lacking quality of character. Then we must inquire further and ask why did they persist among a people whose laws forbade preachers and preaching? What makes a missionary tick? Perhaps, Bishop Soloman will enlighten us in the future.

While there are many meritorious qualities to be found in any man of God, there is one defining essence that is required by the Holy Spirit- it the quality which is the key to the door of Jesus' love, hence man's benevolent accomplishments. That quality, whether found in the humble devotee or lofty Pope- is kindness of heart. It is a mirror which shows a deep and abiding understanding from man to man, from God to man. It is the expression of God's mercy.

With these reflections in mind, the Indian Missionary Conference welcome Bishop and Mrs. Soloman to the Indian experience. May God bless our endeavors, and the conference appointees.



ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE FROM NORTH CAROLINA are these Cherokee elders who are visiting before the nightly Fellowship Singing under the Grounds Arbor, held during each night of the June 8-11 Annual Indian Methodist Conference whose theme this year was "Depth of Commitment- Vision of Mission." The Conference grounds are located north of Okmulgee at Preston.



J.O.M. YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM HELD JUNE 19-22 AT ECSU-

By Kathryn Bell

Approximately 30 Indian students in grades 9-12 from fifteen schools within the Creek Nation boundaries, attended the Annual Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Youth Leadership Conference held on the campus of East Central State University in Ada, June 19-22.

The focus of this year's camp, which has ranged from computers to science and math since the camp started in 1975, was tradition Indian themes. For example, noted Creek pianist, Andrew Harjo demonstrated his excellence at piano and composition to doing Seminole patchwork. Sharon Harjo demonstrated basketry and the Fife sisters (Creek) presented a Style show.

In addition, staff of the Creek Nation were on the agenda as workshop presentors; Dean Tiger, CN Youth Services Coordinator gave a presentation on Youth Councils and Gary Robinson assisted ECSU's Collin Pillow in conducting workshops on Using a Camcorder and Video Production. Other workshop and leadership training was conducted in journal writing, computer technology, A.C.T. Preparation, News Writing, Building Relationships, Advertising, Public Speaking, Financing Your Education, Post-Secondary Education and many other topics over the four-day Leadership Training.



PARTICIPANTS AT THE RECENT JOM CAMP HELD AT EAST CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY are shown from left to right, row one: Wynona James, Wynona Shade, Ella Hicks, Alisa Douglas, Meggie Davis, Laurie Hicks, Vanessa Thomas. Row two: Vickie Pickering, Counselor, Jamie McNac, Dee Fixico, Sarah Crutchfield, Carol Bear, Kim McNac, Allison Berryhill. Row three: Ladonn a Knight, Katcv Shije, Phil Phillips, Brooki Fixico, Mekko Shije, Michelle Hardin. Row four: Derick Baker, Johni Beaver, Anthony Landers, Josh Pascale, Matt Henneha. Row five: Dwight Pickering, Counselor, Patrick Jones, Jessica Dennison, Jaci Kelley, Travis Scott, Geneva Douglas, Lorena Walters, Ernest McPerryman. Most of the participants at the weeklong conference were Creek.



PHOTO ON LEFT:

PETE BEAVER, CREEK AND STATE INDIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR, LEFT, was interviewed on video tape by Jessica Dennison, one of the students at the Leadership Camp. Derek Baker, another Creek local youth, is operating the video camera. Mr. Beaver explained the purpose of the Annual Leadership Program as "designed to develop self-esteem, leadership and an awareness of college life." Beaver said that since the program began in 1975, it has been held on various campuses throughout the state, to give the youth an awareness of the college environment.

—NOTICE—

The Creek Nation Communication Department has computerized the Muscogee Nation News mailing list. In the future we will only maintain a current mailing list. Any names and address returned by the Post Office will be eliminated from our list, and no record will exist of that person, as we will no longer keep a hard copy file on each reader.

It will be the responsibility of the reader to inform the Communication Dept. of any address change. The reader must include their Creek Roll Number when requesting to be added to the mailing list.

Due to postage and printing costs the MNN will be mailed one per household even though there maybe more than one enrolled person at that address.

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ground is cleaned then the members may fix up their own camps. Some of the things they may do are mowing the grass, and putting up new green poles and willow leaves on the arbors.

For the past eight years Russell has been Arbeka's medicine man. The honor was passed on to him after the death of his father who was also an Arbeka medicine man. Just recently on June 27 he was appointed to be the Micco at Nuyaka, but until he selects a new medicine man he will continue his duties at Arbeka. With the passing of Arbeka's Micco Lewis Taylor, Sr. last year Russell and the other

elders selected 22 year-old Raymond Meely to be the temporary Micco of Arbeka. Making this temporary selection official on Saturday, June 15, during Green Corn they selected Raymond to be the Micco of Arbeka for the rest of his life.

Russell said that while selecting their future Micco he and the other elders consulted the advice of Arbeka's oldest member, 90 year-old Joe Fife. Fife suggested that they pick someone that has good temperament as well as dedication to his ground members.

"Some people are kind of hot headed and you can't have someone in there that will get mad. You have to pick someone that knows the people knows how they are and knows how their feelings are. His feelings, how he feels about his members, his ground and his people are all important factors," Russell said.

"It's a hard job. You can't think about these things on a full stomach. You have to think about it while fasting," said Russell as he talked about the selection of a new Micco.

(See ARBEKA GREENCORN page 20)



Wilson Community Gets Headstart Center



By Stephanie Berryhill

In less than a month forty young Henryetta, Schuler and Wilson children are expected to be enrolled in the new Wilson Indian Community Headstart which is located one-fourth of a mile north of the Wilson Public School.

The construction of the building began in the latter part of March after the Wilson Indian Community received a \$96,000 grant from the Creek Nation. Although due to the weather, the shell of the building was not completed until early June. The interior of the building will be completed by the August 17th enrollment date.

According to George Almerigi, Okmulgee attorney, Okmulgee District National Council Representative and Wilson Indian Community Chairman, a certified headstart teacher will be selected by Fred Adams, Wilson Public

School's superintendent. The school will also employ six teacher's aides.

The school will be equipped with a kitchen as well as a cook that will prepare hot lunches for the headstart students.

The Wilson Indian Community, which previously met at the Wilson School, will use the 5,000 square-foot building for their community meetings as well.

According to Almerigi, 25 feet of the building will be used as a convenience store that will open soon after the school term has begun. Almerigi also said that there is a possibility that a daycare center might be established, depending on the availability of teachers and the demand for a daycare center.

Parents may begin their children's enrollment process at the Wilson School from now until Thursday, August 17th.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION-

Principal Chief Claude Cox, Petitioner, versus District Judge Patrick Moore and the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, respondents:

Application for Writ of Prohibition Against Respondents and Temporary Restraining Order Issued by Honorable Patrick Moore, District Judge WRIT DENIED

OPINION

On May 24, 1989, a Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause was issued by District Judge Patrick Moore restraining petitioner Principal Chief Claude Cox from removing a previously appointed and approved member of the Hospital and Clinics Board and from commissioning certain other persons to serve as members of said board. Petitioner filed Application for Writ of Prohibition on June 20 stating that said Order was an attempt to usurp the inherent executive powers of the Chief. This Court assumes and accepts Jurisdiction because of the Constitutional questions and issues addressed herein.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinic Board was created by Ordinance passed by the National Council and approved by the Principal Chief. This Ordinance was later amended by the Council, the amendment was vetoed by the Chief and the Chief's veto was overridden by the Council. The Ordinance, in addition to setting out the purpose and functions of the Board, provides for tenure of members of the Board and a method of removal of members of the Board for cause and with due process. The present members of the Board were appointed by the Chief and approved by the Council. The Board as created is an administrative body created by the Council to carry into effect legislative standard therein prescribed. It and other Boards and Agencies similarly created by ordinance with mixed duties to be performed without executive leave must be free to perform their prescribed functions without fear of removal by the Chief in the event that the Chief disagrees with the manner in which such officer is fulfilling his responsibilities.

There is no question that the Chief has the authority to remove purely executive officials and officers, however the Hospital and Clinics Board, and other like boards, are not purely executive in nature and the members of such boards are not subject to removal by the Chief without cause or due process as set out in the ordinance establishing such board.

The Court feels compelled to recommend that such Boards be composed of at least five members, but does not make this a requirement at this time. Petitioner's application for Writ of Prohibition is denied. Dated this 17th day of July.

TENT REVIVAL '89

A BIG SUCCESS

The Liberty Faith Fellowship, Yardeka Indian Baptist Church and Morning Star Ministry's held their first Tent Revival/Camp-meeting in the Hector area of Mounds on July 13 through 16.

The Revival was a big success as the Lord ministered to the needs of those attending. There were approximately 200 people present at the Saturday evening service.

Guest Speakers were: Fred Williams, Pawnee - House of Prayer; George C. Autaubo, Okmulgee; Jimmy Hill, Eufaula and Jerry Frank, Henryetta Yardeka Indian Baptist.

We would like to thank all those who attended and gave their support as we look forward to the next meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS COLUMN....



Ridlon-Turner

Marquetta A. Turner and Charles B. Ridlon were married at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24 at the Broadway Wedding Chapel in Muskogee with the Rev. Tommy Phillips officiating.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Samarian and Addison Harrison

of Muskogee. Maternal grandparents were Alec and Fannie Sulphur of Eufaula. Paternal grandparents were David and Silby Harrison of Wainwright.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ridlon of Tulsa. Attendants were Mrs. Raymond Biles, Matron of Honor; Flower Girl, Jamie Ridlon, daughter of the groom; Trainbearer, Aleisha Turner, daughter of the Bride; Candlelighters, Shane Turner and Jennifer Hooper, son and niece of the bride; guestbook attendant, Mrs. Michael Dunn. Paul Ridlon served his son as best man. Assisting with the reception following the wedding ceremony were Mrs. Robert Clifton and Nita Hooper, sister of the bride.

The couple will make their home in Harper, Kansas.

Holly Marie Dunn

George and Barbara Dunn of Morris are happy to announce the birth of daughter, Holly Marie who was born June 3 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital weighing six



pounds and fifteen and a half ounces and measuring nineteen inches.

She is welcomed home by brother George, Jr. and grandparents, Joan Dunn, Morris and Charlie Holcomb and Eliza Sanders, Tahlequah and great-grandmother Jennie Prichett, Tahlequah.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Quarterly Financial Statement

The Creek Nation's Office of Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate management personnel and other interested parties.

The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for fund accounting in order to meet the standards and the reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature, which may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting than those reports of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members cognizant of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary financial statement is being prepared and published quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on a year to date basis. A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows: PROGRAM NAME-Provides the titles of the various programs and activities of the Creek Nation. RECEIPTS-Provides a year to date total of all cash collected for this program. BUDGET-Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds. ENCUMBERED-provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. EXPENDED FUNDS-provides totals for all obligations unperformed and paid at the date of report. UNENCUMBERED FUNDS-this gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended fund. This is the balance available the remainder of the fiscal year.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1989

PROGRAM NAME	RECEIPTS	BUDGET	CONTRACT FUNDS		
			ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	UNENCUMBERED
TREASURY	6245	20000	0	13063	6937
GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	269985	284626	8796	125070	150760
ADMINISTRATION/INDIRECT	1417271	1824932	56790	1360570	407572
CONSUMER LOAN	22960	94229	0	23756	70473
REVENUE SHARING '86	52	9641	0	0	9641
CREEK NATION BINGO	2025791	1851196	35101	1106094	710001
TRIBAL BUDGET '89	1886328	1927843	24251	1244893	658699
JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT '88	458789	844726	2740	447510	394476
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION	11799	12835	996	11800	39
HHS HEAD START '88	93700	79649	0	79649	0
HHS ADMINISTRATION ON AGING '88	40956	39418	381	38255	782
HHS EYEGLASSES ASSISTANCE	0	5408	0	5379	29
HOME ASSISTANCE ACT	1927	1927	0	1927	0
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION	2789	14437	0	2789	11648
IHS MANAGEMENT GRANT	31000	31000	0	0	31000
HHS HEAD START '89	228033	465676	10938	239928	214810
HHS ADMINISTRATION ON AGING '89	9640	47019	1017	14469	31533
HHS COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT '89	6016	14264	64	6428	7772
HHS LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE	51820	51820	0	51146	674
HHS CHILDREN SERVICE '89	26189	49638	622	26141	22875
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT	3031	3031	0	1429	1602
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT '89	0	3093	0	0	3093
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION	0	13994	0	0	13994
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '86	3731	7612	0	7612	0
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '87	222469	223171	753	220972	1446
USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION	15578	6595	0	5113	1482
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '88	81411	450000	25717	101111	323172
USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION '89	172208	243456	1523	184734	57199
ENERGY ASSISTANCE	26000	26000	0	25800	200
USDA REIMBURSEMENT-ADMINISTRATION ON AGING	33570	23783	547	20364	2872
USDA REIMBURSEMENT-HEAD START	27670	38625	1286	29804	7535
EUFAULA DORM-ACTIVITY FUND	6972	6200	0	6173	27
MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS ACTIVITY FUND	2823	4630	0	4630	0
COURT CLERK ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	982	800	0	0	800
BIA ADULT EDUCATION	82548	192859	2106	80348	110405
BIA AID TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT	230158	374935	9836	228787	136312
BIA COMMUNITY SERVICES	109623	141327	621	109390	31316
BIA HIGHER EDUCATION	385411	655822	1646	382944	271232
BIA NATURAL RESOURCES	226070	516910	21118	222738	273054
BIA ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING	162899	299669	791	162087	136791
BIA HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM	8847	8847	405	8407	35
BIA CREDIT & FINANCE	65105	107874	545	65305	42024
BIA OTHER EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	24696	25742	0	25533	209
BIA EARLY CHILDHOOD	18640	21837	0	17903	3934
BIA AGRICULTURE	103350	206552	1047	100634	104871
BIA SOCIAL SERVICES	172799	304706	1245	173233	130228
BIA HOUSING	146285	301446	24034	143622	133790
BIA REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS	68924	151146	2843	70389	77914
BIA MINERALS & MINING	14942	51865	15033	14475	22357
BIA WATER RESOURCES	3342	3924	1717	1881	326
BIA OTHER REAL ESTATE SERVICES	126250	220911	4731	121823	94357
BIA EUFAULA DORM (MAINTENANCE)	190506	530224	4180	186489	339555
BIA EUFAULA DORM (EDUCATION)	512442	652271	2986	437545	211740
BIA INDIAN CHILD WELFARE	90061	97836	3898	87950	5988
CREEK NATION AGRI-BUSINESS	326352	317000	1349	364040	-48389
CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	980310	2349510	5147	1745698	598665
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES	177797	277439	1	192191	85247
IHS CREEK NATION CLINICS	398419	667362	6740	478267	182355
TRIBAL HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT	0	5515	0	5515	0
OKMULGEE BINGO	191098	1957120	29615	1903007	24498
OKEMAH ECONOMIC PROJECT	21935	41000	0	27201	13799
SAPULPA CLINIC - THIRD PARTY	2730	5425	0	3149	2276
EUFAULA CLINIC - THIRD PARTY	9730	7960	0	4787	3173
CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL '89	1096448	1571514	8408	990147	572959
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES	262738	459361	1458	177583	280320
IHS CREEK NATION CLINICS '89	627504	1004005	14548	490769	498688
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	52560	81700	0	57342	24358
DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION	4888	27000	13450	13488	62
REAL PROPERTY AND FACILITIES	749639	809918	6889	507011	296018
PROPERTY AND SUPPLY	53136	108168	9700	72716	25752
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE	38033	67431	0	49657	17774
TOTALS	14923950	23345405	367609	15130660	7847136



OBITUARIES

WANDA MITCHELL

Wanda Mitchell, 60, of Eufaula, died Thursday, July 13, at a Tulsa hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, July 17 at the Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Dan Phillips Jr. and Rev. Raymond Beaver officiating. Interment was at Manawa Cemetery under the direction of Black's Funeral Home, Eufaula. Pallbearers were Acee Barnett, Byar Beaver, Solomon Beaver, George Tiger, Jon Tiger and Charlie Dowling.

Mrs. Mitchell was born November 9, 1928 in Eufaula. She was the daughter of Yahdeka and Minnie Polk Byrd. She attended Eufaula Boarding School and the Chilocco Indian School where she graduated in 1947. On July 20, 1962 she and Lyle Mitchell were married in Tulsa. She worked at the Eufaula Dormitory as a house mother and recreational aid for seven years before retiring in 1982.

Survivors include her husband Lyle Mitchell of the home; a daughter, Wana Mitchell, of the home; three sons, Melvin Mitchell of Tahlequah, Robert Mitchell of the home and Bud Mitchell of Mesa, Arizona; five sisters, Polly Shepherd of Tulsa, Jennie Marie and Ruby Francis of Eufaula, Becky Byrd of Hanna and Candice Wright of McAlester; two brothers, Victor Francis of South Dakota and Yahdeka Byrd Jr. of Hanna and a grandson, Jason Jackson Jr. of the home.

JEFF LEE

Jeff "Chub" Lee, 69, Sapulpa, died Tuesday, June 27 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center.

Prayer services were held at Smith Funeral Chapel. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Friday, June 30 at Little Cussetah Baptist Church with the Revs. John Fixico and Truitt Johns officiating. The burial was at the Cussetah Cemetery.

He was born September 9th, 1919 in Creek County and lived there all of his life.

Mr. Lee was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a member of Little Cussetah Baptist Church and was employed as a groundskeeper at Oaks Country Club for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy of the home; daughters Jeanetta Johnson and Peggy Lee, both of Sapulpa and Jeanica Brown of Drumright; sons Benny Lee of Tulsa and Tommy Lee of Sapulpa; brother Timmie Lee of

Sapulpa; sisters Stella Bridges of Okmulgee and Minnie Watashe of Sapulpa; half-sister Nancy Coon of Berryhill; and four grandchildren.



EVELYN DEER LESTER

Services were held for Evelyn Virginia Deer Lester, Stillwater, July 17 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 10 a.m. with the Bishop Lamont Gee, Mr. Duane Pratt and Rev. Ray McGilbray officiating.

Interment was at Thlophlocco Cemetery in Okemah.

Mrs. Lester, 73, died July 14. She was born November 15, 1915 to George Wildin and Lillian Frances Jones Deer. She was a retired elementary school teacher and is survived by one son, A. David Lester, Englewood, Co.; three daughters, Mrs. Ron Kahler, Franktown, Co.; Mrs. Duane Deer, Omaha, Neb.; and Mrs. Tom Knife Chief, Stillwater, OK.; twelve grandchildren. Pallbearers were Steve, Marcus, and David Knife Chief, Frank Adson, Nerbert Adson, Alan Mulder, Clifford Deer, and Brian Deer.

Mrs. Lester was raised on a farm near Okemah and was a full blood member of the Creek Nation. She went to school at Indian Boarding Schools, Okemah Public Schools, and also attended Chilocco Indian School. After High School, Evelyn attended Oklahoma A&M. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Lavern University in California, and completed her graduate work at the University of California at Riverside. She was a school teacher for 35 years in southern California. She received numerous teaching awards and recognitions, and was on the President's Task Force for Education in 1970. She retired from teaching in 1978, then moved to Denver in 1983 where she stayed until 1986. She then moved to Pawnee to live with her daughter Judy Knife Chief and family. They moved to Stillwater in 1988 where she has lived since.

Her life was dedicated to the church where she served in the state office, was Relief Society President, taught all Sunday School classes and was a Chorister.

GUEST SERMONETTE:

Children Are Our Greatest Asset-

By Rev. Jimmy (Bunny Hill)

Matthew 18:14 states "Thus it is not the will of the Father who is in heaven that one of the little ones perish" and in the same chapter verses 1-6, "at that time the disciples came to Jesus saying "Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?" And he called a child to Himself and stood him in their midst and said, "truly I say unto you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever then, humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whosoever receives one such child in My name, receives Me. But whosoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me, to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea..."

It certainly does appear that God is most concerned about our children. Our children need to have values placed on their lives, as most precious to us.

If there is any greatness to be had, it is not in the status we hold in society, but in the value that we place on our children and their well-being. Our children are gifts from God. Therefore, we who are adults, need to be confronted once again and be continually reminded that our children make our future, and thus are valuable assets to our present life.

Our children learn basically from their environment. How they are for the rest of their lives has much to do with the values that are instilled in them. These values are learned from the parents or guardians. The values of parents or guardians vary as much as there are colors in the rainbow. Therefore one needs to have a reliable source that can guide all with the same values. I submit to you that it is the Bible.

The Bible is the Word of God and from it is the life force- God's life that flows from it's pages. Our children need to have people that love them enough to share the Book with them. Some of the excuses you may have to deal with as you teach your children are: Lack of time and energy, kids won't like it, Spouse doesn't want to, ages are varied, tried before and failed, don't know the Bible well enough and where do I read? The best place is to begin with the Gospel of John and read a few verses then a chapter a day and then through the entire Bible. It will also be helpful to get a Bible-reading guide at your local Bible book store.

—NOTE OF APPRECIATION—

We are writing on behalf of our daughter's death in December of '88. We know it has been a while since this happened but we want to thank the Creek Tribe, family members and friends who helped

us out through this time of sorrow. Again thank you for the cooks and gravediggers.

**Reuben Harjo, Jr.
and Family,
Sandra & Shelly
Tulsa, OK.**

In Memorium...

I am called Hawk that Walks Among the Stars or Star Hawk for short. I am deeply saddened to inform you that brother Tomah has lost his struggle against cancer. May 22. His gift was to attempt to give us Roots where we had none. A firm foundation for us to build our lives on. The lack of this identity was something he knew well and strove to overcome. His struggle was our own. So many times he would get discouraged, then he would receive a letter from someone who needed his advice and he would forget his problem to help them with theirs. It is this selfless way of his that marked the path and gave us a guide to go by.

The way of old still survives in today. He will be missed, but to do less than our best to carry on and to help others as he did, would be to dishonor his memory. I have promised to carry on this work to the best of my ability. I wish that you would print at least part of this as a farewell to him. You were the people he considered his of his blood. The people he loved even if he could not be with you. Thank You.

**Sincerely,
Star Hawk
PO Box 6
Paint Lick, KY 40461**

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Russell said that Raymond was reluctant to accept his appointment at first because he felt that his not knowing how to speak Creek was a drawback.

"I said 'You have to take it because you belong there. Your still young enough to learn and you have elders that will teach you Creek. You can't tell us you can't take it. You have to take it when your appointed,'" said Russell to Raymond.

When it comes to outsiders, the members of Arbeka will not freely divulge information to anyone. They are very protective of their grounds, customs and traditional rituals. And because of this the ancient ceremonial life of the Creek people will lie safely hidden away unexploited.

"Our things are sacred and we can't tell all of our complete secrets, like the fire and how we make medicine. We can't tell complete details only what we want people to know," said Russell.



PETITION FILED IN THE CREEK NATION DISTRICT COURT

Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association (OCMA)
Plaintiff,

Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council
Defendant,

**PETITION TO MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TRIBAL COURTS
TO CEASE UP-COMING TRIBAL ELECTION PROCESS AND TO
PLACE SPEAKER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL, KENNETH
CHILDERS ON ABSENTEE LEAVE**

**STATEMENT OF CAUSE: Violation of Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Constitution by the present Muscogee (Creek) National Council.
PLAINTIFF:**

The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association (OCMA) is a Creek community chartered with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in 1985. The OCMA receives tribal funding to serve Creek tribal Citizens residing in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) which includes the following counties: Oklahoma, Logan, Pottawatomie, Cleveland and Canadian.

The purpose of the OCMA is to improve the social and economic wellbeing of Creek Tribal citizens residing outside present Muscogee (Creek) Nation service boundaries by developing and securing recognition by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and Administrative Offices of the Principal Chief of inherited legal rights of ALL Muscogee (Creek) tribal members; provided for by the now existing Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The OCMA is governed by nine enrolled Creek citizens elected and voted into office by the membership of OCMA.

DEFENDANT:

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, presently consisting of twenty-six elected representatives from the counties: Creek, Hughes/Seminole, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee/Seminole, Okmulgee, Tulsa, and Wagon/Rogers/Mayes in whole or portion thereof. (Article VI, Sec.7).

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS VIOLATED THEIR OATH OF OFFICE AND HAVE FAILED TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION BY THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

1. Violation of Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, Article VI, Sec 6 (a).
 2. Violation of Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, Article VI, Sec. 2 (d).
 3. Violation of Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, Article II, Sec. 2; Article IV, Sec. 2 & 7, and Article VI, Sec. 7(A).
 4. Violation of Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 1-5.
1. Violation of Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, Article VI, Sec. 6 (a) "If, after such reconsiderations, two-thirds of the Full Membership of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall pass the bill," (26 Council members).

NCA 89-40 Reconsideration and Approval of NCA 80-40 after veto "Handling of Returned Ballots."

Override: 19 favor, 5 against, 0 abstentions.

Voting record indicates Larry Bible and Mickey Primeaux absent.

Roberts Rules of Order- "Each member as his name is called, rises and responds in the affirmative or negative. If he does not wish to vote he answers present (or abstain)."

NCA 89-05 Reconsideration & Approval of NCA 89-95 after veto Sec. 1001- ABSENTEE BALLOTS AUTHORIZED

Sec. 1003- TIME FOR REQUESTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

OVERRIDE: 20 Favor, 1 Against, 2 Abstentions

Voting Record indicates Roy Bear and J.W. Buck were absent.

OCMA charges also that NCA 89-40 & NCA 89-95 is in conflict with Sec. 1011 of Creek Nation Election Laws.

EXAMINATION OF SIGNATURES: NCA 89-76 Tribal and U.S. violates the constitutional rights of Creek absentee voters in that all State and Federal elections are held 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. closing absentee ballot process at 9:00 am. does not allow time for all absentee ballots to be received.

2. VIOLATION OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI, SEC. 2 (d). "The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall elect from their number a Speaker, "WHO SHALL PRESIDE OVER THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL BUT SHALL HAVE NO VOTE UNLESS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL BE EQUALLY DIVIDED, and they shall choose a Second Speaker, who shall preside in absence of the Speaker."

Voting records of NCA 89-49 and 89-05 indicates Speaker, Kenneth Childers voted without a tie being present. OCMA questions the legality of these bills or any other bill passed by the National Council wherein the Speaker voted unconditionally.

The OCMA also charges the Speaker of the National Council for misleading the National Council by introduction of Bills.

3. VIOLATION OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II, SEC. 2., ARTICLE IV, SEC. 2 & ARTICLE VI, SEC. 7(a).

Article II, Sec. 2.— "This Constitution shall not abridge the rights and privileges of individual citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation enjoyed as citizens of the State of Oklahoma and of the United States of America."

Article IV, Sec 2. & 7 — "Every citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation regardless of vote in the tribal elections provided that (a) they are registered voters for elections; (9) they are at least eighteen (18) years of age at the date of election, with the registrant providing sufficient proof of age to the Election Board; and (c) they hold citizenship."

All citizens shall be allowed to vote for the Principal Chief and any such national office that shall be created.

Article VI, Sec. 7 (a) — "To promote the public health and safety, education and welfare that may contribute to the social, physical, well-being and economic advancement of citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

For the past two (2) previous tribal elections there has been aggravated attempts by certain members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council to implement unjustifiable hardships to restrict the vote of absentee Creek citizens by introduction and passing of bills that create unnecessary difficulties for the Absentee voter.

The OCMA demands proof and cause as to why tribal election law/procedures must be changed prior to each election that provides undue costly hardship on absentee voters as well as additional financial burden to the tribal budget. The OCMA charges that the National Council is punishing innocent absentee voters for some of the Council members alleged feelings that tribal elections are not held legally.

4. VIOLATION OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VII, SEC. 1.

Sec. 1 — The judicial power of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be vested in one Supreme Court limited to matters of the Muscogee (Creek) National jurisdiction and in such inferior courts as the

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More Conference Photos...

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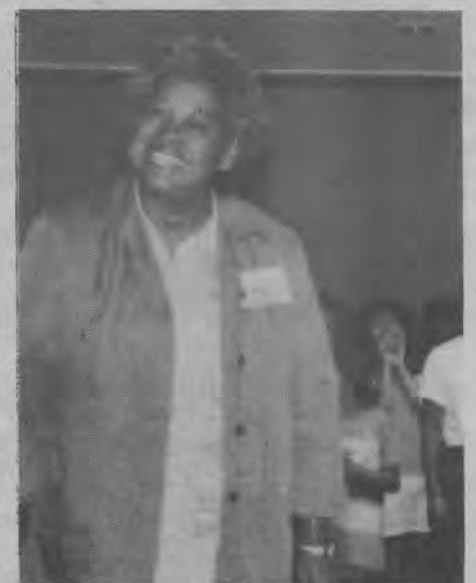
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Sally Foster, Clinic Supervisor for Sapulpa and Eufaula, Mrs. Claude Cox, and Phyllis Berryhill, CN Executive Secretary, participate in a Youth workshop. Phyllis and Sally were adult facilitators.



PHOTO ON RIGHT— Mary Hobia, CN CHR for the Weleetka area, joins in on the fun during a game held during the General Assembly conducted each morning for the youth. She was an adult facilitator.





U.S. Olympic Torch Run in Okmulgee Features Creeks-

-Article and Photos by
Stephanie Berryhill

When the U.S. Olympic Festival Torch arrived in Okmulgee on the 24th day of its 35-day trek through Oklahoma there were many eager participants awaiting its arrival, including Creek Nation's 15 year-old VIP runner Derek Baker.

The three and one-half pound torch was first lit on Saturday, June 17, atop Pikes Peak by two Oklahoma Olympians. It was then flown to Boise City, Oklahoma on the following day where it began the first miles of its journey through Oklahoma.

At 12:15 p.m. the Olympic torch crew and caravan arrived in Okmulgee after visiting Okemah. The first Okmulgee runner, Ted Duvall, carried the torch for one-fourth a mile down sixth street. The torch was carried south down Wood Drive through the parking lot of the Torch Run sponsor, McDonalds, and then to the East Central Electric Cooperative where an informal welcoming ceremony was held.

Upon the torches arrival at ECE Ronald McDonald, official U.S. Olympic Festival mascot "Boomer," as well as a large crowd, were waiting to greet the caravan. Coke also provided free Coca-Cola, music videos played from a giant screen, and entertainment from a lifesize robot. At the ceremony both Mayor Carlisle Mabrey III and Principal Chief Claude Cox commended the efforts of all participants involved as well as made numerous acknowledgements and awards. Chief Cox made a proclamation naming July 11, 1989 as Torch Run Day within the Creek Nation. He also named Marie Stewart, LSM coordinator, Sugar Smith and Dick Nalin, state coordinators, Greg Kern, area coordinator, and Marti Wells, assistant area coordinator/ECE media communication specialist, as honorary citizens of the Creek Nation.

"I'm glad that Chief Cox and George Tiger (liaison for Chief Cox) attended the luncheon and am proud that I was acknowledged as an honorary member of the Creek Nation," said Kern, who was surprised at the honor.

In June '88 Kern was appointed by Margie Coleman, Okmulgee County Commissioner for District 3, to be the area coordinator of the Olympic Torch Run.

"I want to thank Margie Coleman for appointing me to the Torch Run. It was very enjoyable to take part in a once in a lifetime event such as the Torch Run," said Kern, who also coordinated the Torch Run in Henryetta.

McDonalds four VIP runners,



DEREK BAKER, OUTSTANDING CREEK ATHLETE from Okmulgee, awaits his turn to run with the Olympic torch. Baker represented the Creek Nation.

Roy Ehly, executive corporate officer of the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce, Judge John Maley, Dr. Bob Kalbanes, director of Oklahoma State Tech. and Derek Baker, Creek Nation representative, were also acknowledged.

Derek, the son of Pastor Jerry and Sylvia Fay Baker, was chosen by Chief Cox due to his outstanding running ability. The former Okmulgee resident is one of the top high school runners in the state. The Pawnee High School sophomore runs five miles every morning and also was the first place overall winner in Pawnee's Annual Indian Homecoming Hawkchief Run. These factors combined with his determination to succeed are only a few of the reasons why Derek is already on the recruitment lists of many university track coaches.

Derek was excited to participate in the Torch Run, but said that he really had no special preparation for the run other than his routine five miles.

Last November McDonalds restaurants had paper placement applications in which customers could fill out and turn in with the possibility of being randomly selected. Creek Nation member Lisa Simms, Beggs, was one of the 3,200 lucky official runners who



CHIEF COX, LEFT, IS PRESENTED WITH AN OLYMPIC FESTIVAL CAP by Torch Run Coordinator Sugar Smith, as Assistant Coordinator (for Okmulgee County) Marti Wells, looks on.

were selected in the county-by-county drawings last February.

"I think it's really neat being able to participate because it's a once in a lifetime thing," she said.

After the welcoming ceremony was over McDonalds provided lunch for the Olympic Torch Crew and the VIP runners. When the luncheon was over the caravan resumed their trek northward up wood Wood Drive with Lisa Simms leading the way to the next stop in Sapulpa.

Not all of the official torch runners even "ran" an inch, some of them didn't even run at all.

Some of the more unusual ways the torch was transported include: via a parasailer at Beaver's Bend State Park, across Grand Lake on a paddlewheel riverboat and locally Roy Ehly carried the torch on a miniature tractor while Henryetta VIP runner/five time World Champion Bullrider Jim Shoulders carried the torch down mainstreet on his horse.

Each night the Olympic flame was preserved in a naphtha-burning miner's lamp and was supposed to have been kept secure at Oklahoma police stations. But according to the cities of Muskogee and Sapulpa, both cities where the torch crew spent the night, neither of their police departments kept the flame.

According to Rob Ratley, Oklahoma Gas and Electric community services representative and coordinator of OG & E Torch Run employee involvement, a motor home, sponsored by McDonalds, kept the flame because it was more convenient than having to leave the flame at a police station every night.

Even before the torch was passed into Florence Griffith Joyner's hands at Norman's Owen Field on July 21, ending its 3,000 mile journey across 77 Oklahoma counties and 250 cities, most anyone that came in contact with the caravan couldn't deny that the Torch Run played a significant part in the success of the 10-day Olympic Festival '89.

"It was really successful in Okmulgee County. I think in the eyes of the Torch Run committee Okmulgee County looked very good. We had a large crowd participation in both Henryetta and Okmulgee," Kern said.

Kern said that he would like to express his appreciation to the following individuals: Rex Harrison, former Henryetta and Okmulgee McDonalds' franchise owner, Bill Holcomb, ECE general manager, Marti Wells, Chief Cox, George Tiger, Chester Hodge, Okmulgee police chief, and Paul Witt, assistant police chief.



More CN Conference Photos & Activities- ...(From Page 21)



BRAD SMITH, ADA, assisted by Creek Steve Powell, Okmulgee, perform rap songs against drug and alcohol abuse. Smith is the Modern Day Warrior.



HARVEY GILROY AND CHIEF COX sit in on one of the morning youth workshops. Gilroy is an Okmulgee District National Council representative and he served as an adult facilitator. The Chief spoke at one of the Opening Sessions of the Youth workshops.

In his opening remarks to the Conference attendees, Dean Tiger, CN Youth Services Coordinator eloquently emphasized the CN Conference theme- "Together We Will Conquer" in this portion of his speech:

..."Today we band together not as Indian Health Service, State Department of Mental Health or the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, but as people who are concerned about pain and hurt that's being inflicted on the youth of today. Let us come together open-minded and eager for more knowledge and insight that will enable every participant the tools necessary to combat this disease we call substance abuse.

Alcohol and drugs have touched everyone in this audience to one degree or another. We have seen its destructive power overcome our people, like the wind that cannot be seen, yet, like the wind it can be felt. Once it is felt- it can be redirected and conquered- becoming an ally; useful, fresh and alive. In order to redirect this wind, there must be a barrier and that barrier is you and me. The barrier must have a sound foundation that is buried deep within the core of concerned hearts, minds, and souls of those who care...

You, the youth of today must make a stand, for it is your friends and classmates that are killing themselves with alcohol, drugs and inhalants. Anyone can turn and run away from helping, yet it takes a special person to look within themselves and say **count on me** to be there when someone needs my help. You can make a difference in the lives of your friends who have chosen the path that leads to destruction.

We are conquerors, but we all need each other as we take on this foe which has made a mockery of many people. Strength comes in numbers, but courage comes from within.

You are a leader- you are here today because someone saw qualities in you to become a leader. It was not by some whim or luck that you were chosen but because you made an impact on a counselor or teacher. There are young people out there that only you can reach...in Proverbs 29:18 it says..."Where there is no vision, the people perish." Let's not allow the vision of greatness to die, but rather let us nurture it that it may reach it's fullest potential.

-Photos by Elliot Barnett

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National Council may from time to time ordain.

Sec. 2 — The Supreme Court shall be composed of six (6) members appointed by the Principal Chief, subject to majority approval by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, and whose terms shall be for six (6) years beginning July 1.

Sec. 3 — The Supreme Court shall, with the approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council establish procedures to insure that the appellant receives due process of law and prompt and speedy relief.

Sec. 4 — The Supreme Court shall be presided over by a Supreme Court Justice chosen from their own number and shall be in regular quarterly scheduled session, coinciding with that of the fiscal year.

Sec. 5 — The decision of the Supreme Court shall be in writing and shall be final.

The OCMA charges the Muscogee (Creek) National Council with obstruction of justice by failing to initiate a full Creek judicial system or process by failing to implement Article VII. Sec. 1-5.

Presently there is not a judicial avenue available to hear and insure the rights and privileges of Creek citizens. We declare the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is running rampant with unconstitutional activities which could/is having serious effects on our tribal government and programs.

PETITION:

We, the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association Board of Directors petition the Muscogee (Creek) Supreme Court to order all Muscogee (Creek) Nation up-coming tribal election process to cease until this grievance be answered by a full tribal court decision provided in the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, and to place speaker of the National Council, Kenneth Childers on absentee leave.

Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association

2900 S. Harvey

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109

Mar. 25 Regular Session- National Council

3C A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING PROGRAMMING AND APPROPRIATING FISCAL YEAR 1989 TRIBAL FUNDS FOR HEAD START FOR REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF SAPULPA HEAD START FACILITY.

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that : A. Tribal Ordinance, NCA 88-46 Section 101 (I) (B) Tribal Programs appropriates a total of \$136,875 with this amount being expended between the Food Distribution and Head Start Programs. B. Tribal Ordinance, NCA 88-92 appropriated \$45,990 to the Head Start Budget from the original amount requested, \$55,408, leaving \$9,418 to be appropriated at a later date. C. The remaining \$9,418 is needed for emergency repairs to the Sapulpa Head Start Facility. D. The Sapulpa Head Start Facility has an old plaster ceiling above the suspended ceiling which has deteriorated and has been subjected to water damage. This ceiling is subject to collapse at any time. E. This old ceiling should be removed immediately to ensure the safety of all students and Head Start personnel. The ceiling should be removed during the time frame that the roof repair is being done. F. A separate line item is needed for: Repair and Renovation of all Creek Nation Head Start Facilities. **Section 102.** The FY '89 Tribal Budget line item "Tribal Program" is hereby authorized, programmed and appropriated as follows: 100-8952-98-586-00- Head Start Program - Repair and Renovation of Head Start Facilities \$9,418. **Section 103** Section 103 of NCA 89-17 is repealed. **Section 104** Any remaining funds appropriated by NCA 89-17 shall be returned to the New Line Item Account: Repair and Renovation of all Creek Nation Head Start Facilities. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the adoption. Frye made a motion to adopt this Bill and Little seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against; no abstentions. Williams did not vote. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Wilson, Kamp, Fife and Primeaux. Motion carried. The Bill 3C is adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval and recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: The Chair entertained a motion to place items, D, E, F, on the agenda for consideration. Wilson made a motion to place the items on the agenda for consideration. Bible seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being as follows: Twenty two in favor; none against; no abstentions. Motion carried. Items D, E, and F will be considered at this time.

3D A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EUFAULA DORMITORY. Section 101. Findings: The National Councils finds that: A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation fully supports a quality educational process for Indian youths. B. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has successfully performed its administrative requirements for contracting the Eufaula Dormitory. C. Federal funding reductions made it necessary to allocate tribal revenues to maintain the quality educational services at the Eufaula Dormitory. **Section 102.** Therefore, Bingo Revenues are hereby authorized, programmed and appropriated as follows: Eufaula Dormitory - Operating Expenses (Groceries) \$30,000. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of this Bill. Rhodes made a motion to adopt this Bill and Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor; two against; no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Chupco, Cloud, Cleghorn, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Primeaux. Voting No were: McIntosh and

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Newton. Motion Carried. The Bill 3D was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of The Muscogee Nation. This Bill will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his action.

3E A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING THE ELECTION CODE.

Section 101. The Tribal Ordinance "Establishing Regular and Special Election Laws": NCA 81-82 is hereby amended at Article X, ABSENTEE VOTING, Section 1012, Handling of Returned Ballots. The Present Language reads: Section 1012. Handling of Returned Ballots: When received, the Secretary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board shall cause envelope containing absentee ballots to be placed in a ballot box, locked with three locks, in a secure place. This amendment shall read as follows: Section 1012. Handling of Returned Ballots: Ballots received by the Creek Nation Election Board must be marked, sealed in the inner envelope and mailed in the pre-addressed out envelope. Valid ballots must be received at the Tribal Election Boards Post Office Box in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, prior to 9:00 a.m. on election day. Absentee ballot boxes shall be designated and placed in the Okmulgee Post Office. As absentee ballots are received by the Okmulgee Post Office prior to 9:00 a.m. on election day, said ballots are placed in absentee boxes. The ballot boxes shall be secured with three locks. The keys to the said ballot boxes will be kept in a safe at the Okmulgee County Sheriffs Office until election day. Absentee ballot boxes will not be removed from the Post Office until the day of the Election. On Election Day the keys will be obtained by the designated persons of the Tribal Election Board. Three names will be designated to sign the signature card for the keys. The Tribal Election Board shall designate three members and an alternate of said Committee to sign the card, and transport absentee ballot boxes to the Election Board Office on Election Day. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Frye made a motion to adopt this Bill and Stacy seconded the motion. Discussion. Kamp made a motion to amend the Bill by adding Section 1012B to read: Section 1012B. Any candidate for elected office shall be allowed to designate one (1) person to act as an observer and accompany election board members to post office when absentee ballot boxes are picked up. The absentee ballot boxes and absentee ballots shall at no time be removed from the view of candidates representatives. Fife seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being as follows: Seventeen in favor; three against; one abstention. Abstaining - Almerigi; Voting No: Chupco, Gilroy and Johnson. Voting Yes: Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Dunson, Cloud, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife and Primeaux. Thomas did not vote. Motion Carried. The Bill will be amended to reflect Section 1012B. ON THE FIRST MOTION FOR THE BILL. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; two against; no abstentions. Voting No: Gilroy and Johnson. Motion Carried. The Bill 3E was adopted to be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation and submitted to the Principal Chief for his signature.

3F A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING THE TRIBAL ELECTION CODE. SECTION 101.

The Tribal Ordinance "Establishing Regular and Special Election Laws" NCA 81-82 is hereby amended at Article X, Absentee Voting, Section 1014. Absentee Counters - Appointments. The amendment shall read as follows: Section 1014. Absentee Counters - Appointment. The Secretary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board shall submit names for Absentee Counters to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council at the regular council meeting in July preceding the election or at the regular council meeting three months prior to any special election. The National Council shall approve or disapprove the names presented. Said absentee counters shall meet all qualifications required of precinct counters, except counters need not be absentee voters. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the adoption of this Bill. Stacy made a motion to adopt this Bill. Newton made the second. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor; four against; no abstentions. Voting Yes: Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Primeaux. Voting No: Almerigi, Chupco, Gilroy, Johnson, Childers. Thomas did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill 3F was adopted, will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval. A motion was made to place a Resolution submitted by Frye on the agenda for consideration.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION IN REGARDS TO THE ADMISSION POLICY FOR THE CREEK NATION FESTIVAL AND RODEO. Section 101.

Findings: 1. The Creek Nation Festival is for the enjoyment and pleasure of all Creek citizens and a time in which they can participate in Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festivities and be proud of their Indian heritage; and 2. The Creek Nation Rodeo is a nationally recognized Indian rodeo, of which the Creek Nation is justifiably proud, and draws Indian entrants from other tribes across the United States of America and other countries; and 3. The Creek Nation Softball Tournament is one of the focal points of the Festival and many teams look forward to participating in and winning this tournament; and 4. The Creek Nation Olympics provides an avenue which allows the youth of our Nation to participate in tribal activities and helps instill pride and a sense of competition in our future leaders and citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; and 5. During the 1988 Creek Nation Festival, all people, regardless of age or participation, were charged an admission fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per head each day and some persons were required to pay an additional \$1.00 per head for evening events; and 6. Many Creek citizens have complained on behalf of the young, the aged and the participants, especially those who had paid an entry fee to participate, of the admission policy which was in effect during the 1988 Creek Nation Festival. That policy resulted in a financial burden on some Creek citizens and the principle involved has discouraged many Creek citizens and participants from planning to attend the 1989 Creek Nation Festival. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Creek Nation Festival Committee re-examine the admission policy for the Creek Nation Festival and seriously consider opening the Festival portion to all Creek citizens without an admittance fee and waiving any admittance fee to participants and entrants of the Creek Nation Softball Tournament and the Creek Nation Rodeo. The resolution having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the adoption of this resolution. Almerigi made a motion to adopt this resolution and Bible seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor; three against; five abstentions. Voting Yes: Almerigi, Cleghorn, Cloud, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Thomas, Williams, Kamp, Fife. Voting No: Berryhill, Dunson. Abstaining: Bible, Burden, Chupco, Gilroy, Rhodes, Stacy, Wilson and Primeaux did not vote. Motion carried. The Resolution was adopted and will be submitted to the Principal Chief for approval.

Cloud made a motion to adjourn, Bible seconded the motion. By a voice count the meeting was adjourned.

INVOCATION: Thomas Berryhill

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council, Muscogee Nation. **ROLL CALL:** A roll call vote was taken with the Speaker declaring a quorum of Twenty-four (24) present and two (2) absent. The roll call was made as follows: Present were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Buck, Buck, Childers. Absent were: Bible and Primeaux.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: February 16, 1989 - Special Session; February 25, 1989 Regular Session; March 16, 1989 - Special Session; March 25, 1989 Regular Session. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Burden to adopt the minutes of February 16, 1989 Special Session, February 25, 1989 Regular Session; March 16, 1989 Special Session and March 25, 1989 Regular Session. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor; none against, no abstentions. Motion carried, the minutes were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS-VETO MESSAGES

1. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-40 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS April 5, 1989. As Principal Chief, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 89-40, entitled "Amending the Election Ordinance NCA 81-02" to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION ONE: THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CANNOT FULFILL ELECTION BOARD FUNCTIONS:

To ensure fair elections, the Constitution requires that election duties be performed by the Election Board, an Independent Agency. The depositing of absentee ballots in a ballot box is not a function of the United States Postal Service, but is a specific duty of the Election Board. Further, placing a ballot at the Post Office does not guarantee security. A current member of the National Council, a loser in two national tribal elections, is an employee of the Postal Service. These factors would threaten the validity of the election should a candidate protest the lack of security.

OBJECTION TWO: THE UNNECESSARY PROCEDURE WILL CAUSE UNNEEDED DELAYS IN ELECTION RESULTS — The lengthy process is used on the return of absentee ballots. Each ballot when received, must be logged into the book. This can be completed after each ballot is separated into stacks, by district, and alphabetized. After all ballots have been logged in, it is necessary to pull each file and check the signature. Often, this process cannot be completed in an eight hour day. If section 1012 is amended, it is possible that absentee ballots could not be counted until days after the election.

OBJECTION THREE: THE ABSENTEE BALLOT BOX OBSERVER APPROACH IS NOT

PRACTICAL. Presently, 26 members are on our Council. Using this number, assuming each representative designated one person to observe, we would have 26 observers accompany the Election Board members to the Post Office. Adding the opposing candidates, this number will double and possibly triple, meaning we could possibly have 78 observers following the Election Board members to the Post Office. This would make it impossible to keep the box in view of all observers at all times. This proposal is not practical.

RECOMMENDATION: No further legislative action is required. Therefore, NCA 89-40 is returned as a VETO. — Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd. The Veto Message having been read and considered the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Burden made a motion to override. Cloud seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; five against; no abstentions. Voting Yes: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Childers. Voting No: Chupco, Gilroy, Johnson, Buck and Buck. Motion carried. The veto was overridden and NCA 89-40 will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as an Ordinance.

2. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-41 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS.

April 5, 1989, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation do hereby return NCA 89-41 entitled, "Amending NCA 81-82" to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION: APPROVAL OF BALLOT COUNTERS BY INCUMBENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES IS THE ULTIMATE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. The Election Board was established as an Independent Agency to ensure tribal citizens the right to fair elections. Currently, the selection of ballot counters in an election is solely the responsibility of the Election Board. NCA 89-41 attempts to require that counters be approved by National Council members who are also incumbents in their own elections. This attempt is the ultimate conflict of interest and would deny opponents and the citizens the right to a fair election.

RECOMMENDATION: Since the legislation violates the citizen rights to fair elections and is clearly unconstitutional, no further action is necessary. Therefore, NCA 89-41 is returned as a VETO. — Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd. The Veto message having been read and considered, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Burden made a motion to override this Veto. Fife seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor; four against; no abstentions. Voting Yes: Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Buck, Childers. Voting No: Almerigi, Chupco, Gilroy, Johnson. Motion carried. NCA 89-41 will be recorded as an Ordinance in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

3. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-25 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS: March 9, 1989. I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-25 entitled "Appropriating Funding for Travel, Training, and Other Expenses for Representatives of the National Council" to the National Council with the following objections.

OBJECTION: AID TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED AND APPROVED FOR THE LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION, REALTY SERVICES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TRIBAL COURTS. Under contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation receives funding designated as "Aid to Tribal Government" for the Lighthouse Administration, Realty Services, Economic Development and Tribal Courts. As currently funded, the programs provide vital services to the tribal government. Diverting \$60,000 to other activities will eliminate all

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or part of the four current programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the National Council re-examine the level of need for the additional funding and seek sources of funding other than "Aid to Tribal Government". Therefore, NCA 89-25 is returned as a VETO with recommendations. Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd. The Veto message having been read and considered, the Chair entertained a motion for the override of this Bill. Cloud made a motion to override this Bill and Rhodes seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, four against, no abstentions. Voting Yes: Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Buck, Buck, Little, McIntosh, Childers. Voting No: Almerigi, Chupco, Gilroy, Johnson. Fife did not vote. Motion carried. This Ordinance NCA 89-25 will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as an Ordinance.

4. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-35 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS— March 30, 1989. I Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-35 entitled "Amending NCA 88-87, Establishing a Facility Use Contract Between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Eufaula Indian Community" to the National Council with the following objections: **OBJECTION ONE: THE TRIBAL/OPERATION SHARE OF PROFITS VIOLATES P.L. 100-497.** P.L. 100-497, which regulates gaming in Indian country, require that the tribe receive 70% of the profits from bingo operations. **OBJECTION TWO: THE LEGISLATION IS UNCLEAR REGARDING TRIBAL PROFITS FROM CONCESSIONS.** As

written, the ordinance could be interpreted to exclude bingo related income such as concession and other income from the profit split.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the community meet with the Gaming Commissioner to draft legislation which meets all requirements. Therefore, NCA 89-35 is returned as a VETO. Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief/pgd. The Veto Message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the override of this Veto. McIntosh made a motion to override this Veto and the motion was seconded by Newton. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, seven against, no abstentions. Voting Yes — Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Cleghorn, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Thomas, Stacy, Williams, Cloud, Little, McIntosh, Wilson, Kamp, Childers. Voting No — Almerigi, Chupco, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Buck, Buck. Fife did not vote. Motion failed. The Veto was not overridden.

4A AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITY BY THE HANNA INDIAN COMMUNITY. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that Hanna Indian Community is in need of a Community Center and has the option to purchase 5 acres of property within very close distance of the Indian population. A. Hanna Indian Community is a chartered community and has been since December 12, 1983. B. A permanent meeting place is very much needed for that community. C. Hanna Indian Community will provide ongoing projects in order to pay for their utility bills. Section 102. The 5 acres of land is presently owned by Joe Cox of Hanna. He has agreed with the Board of Directors to sell the land for \$5,000.00 A. Legal land description: A 5 acre tract of land in Lot 3, Section 1-T8N-R13E, McIntosh County, Oklahoma; more particularly described as beginning at the Northwest Corner of Lot 3, thence 330' East, thence 660' South, thence 330' West; thence 600' North to point of beginning. B. Hanna Indian Community desires this amount of acreage so they could put in a vegetable market and other types of economic development projects. Section 103. Hanna Indian Community would like to acquire a community center in the size of 50' x 100' which will include a kitchen, 2 restrooms, office, craft room, youth room and storage room. Section 104. The National Council hereby appropriates the total amount of \$110,000.00 from the bingo account to be expended in accordance with the following budget.

A. Construction of Building	\$104,000.00
B. Purchase of Land	5,000.00
C. Utility Hook-up	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$110,000.00

Section 105. The Principal Chief is authorized to expend \$5,000.00 from the bingo account for the purchase of land for the Hanna Indian Community within 10 days of the date of this Ordinance. All other funds appropriated will be considered obligated for the remainder of the budget. **Section 106.** A contract will be awarded to the contractor with the lowest bid and will be notified of the date for the construction of the building within 30 days of purchase of land from the date of this Ordinance. Contract shall include inspection clause to provide for periodical inspection of project. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Newton made a motion to approve this Bill. McIntosh seconded the motion. Kamp made a motion to add Section 107 to read as follows: "The National Council authorizes and directs the Principal Chief to convey title to the above described property to the United States of America for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to hold said lands in Trust under the appropriate Federal Statute." Almerigi seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against, no absences. Fife, Stacy and Wilson did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill will reflect the amendment as passed. On the first motion for the Bill as amended, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against, no abstentions. Fife, Wilson and Stacy did not vote. Motion carried. Bill 4A was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

4B. A BILL APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR WILSON INDIAN COMMUNITY HEADSTART AND DAY CENTER. Section 101. The National Council finds that: A. The Wilson Indian Community (Community) plans to operate a head start program and day care center on land acquired for that community; B. The Community needs \$96,509.25 for start-up costs; C. The Community has submitted a financial plan for start-up costs and a pro forma statement of income and expense; D. Revenue generated from the operation of a headstart program and day care center would enable the community to pay its building and utility expenses and would generate additional revenue to support the Community's social welfare and economic development programs. Section 102. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated balance in the bingo revenue fund to the Wilson Indian Community the sum of \$96,509.25 for the purpose of and use in start-up of a headstart program and day care center. Section 103. Attached hereto is a projected cost budget based on past building experience of Mr. Fred Adams,

superintendent of Wilson School. **Section 104** All procurement of materials and labor shall comply with Creek Nation purchasing and procurement policy. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained time for motions concerning this Bill. Williams made a motion to delete Section 103 and change Section 104 to 103. Almerigi seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; one against, no abstentions. Voting Yes — Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Chupco, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Thomas, Williams, Kamp, Buck, Buck. Voting No — Cleghorn, Stacy, Wilson and Fife did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill will be amended as passed. Johnson made a motion to approve this Bill as amended. Johnson Buck made a second to the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, two against; no abstentions. Voting Yes — Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Chupco, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Thomas, Williams, Kamp, Buck, Buck. Voting No — Burden and Cleghorn. Stacy, Wilson and Fife did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill 4B was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Further, this Bill will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

4C A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CREEK ELECTION BOARD FOR FY 1989. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Election Board, in need of additional funds to operate due to elections in October 1989, will increase their budget. B. That the monies be appropriated from Bingo Tax Revenue as follows:

	ORIGINAL APPROVED	INCREASE	TOTAL
PERSONNEL	\$41,265.00	-0-	\$41,265.00
Clerk	7,310.00	-0-	7,310.00
Clerk (Pt. Time/Ten)	12,568.00	-0-	12,568.00
FRINGE BENEFITS			
@30.5%	11,547.00	-0-	11,547.00
ELECTION & OPERATING EXPENSE	5,735.00	\$40,000.00	\$45,735.00
Election Expense			
Postage		2,000.00	
Printing		3,000.00	
Election Supplies		3,400.00	
Training		1,500.00	
P.O. Box Rental		100.00	
		10,000.00	10,000.00
Operating Expense			
Telephone		3,400.00	
Office Space Rental		7,728.50	
Office Equipment		5,500.00	
Reproduction		1,500.00	
Office Supplies		1,871.00	
Stipends		5,000.00	
		25,000.00	25,000.00
Temporary Personnel			
Temporary clerks		5,000.00	5,000.00
		5,000.00	40,000.00

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for this Bill. Almerigi made a motion to add Section 102 to read as follows: "There is hereby appropriated \$40,000.00 from Tobacco Tax Revenue fund to be expended for line items above." and to delete (B) from 101. Chupco seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor; none against; no abstentions. Stacy, Wilson and Fife did not vote. Motion Carried. The amendment will be recorded. Frye made a motion to adopt this Bill. Little seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor; five against; one abstention. Voting Yes — Almerigi, Bear, Chupco, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, Frye, Thomas, Williams, Kamp, Buck, Buck. Voting No — Burden, Cleghorn, McIntosh, Newton, Rhodes, Berryhill abstained. Stacy, Wilson and Fife did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill 4C was passed and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

4D A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REQUESTING FUNDING TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT AT THE CHECOTAH INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER AND BINGO HALL. Section 101. The need exists for the Checotah Indian Community to improve and increase the parking space at its Bingo Hall. Section 102 The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to grant the sum of Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars to the Checotah Indian Community for the purpose of: A. \$23,000.00 - to pave new lot B. \$2,000.00 - to repair old parking lot and steps. Section 103 The Checotah Indian Community believes that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will recover the grant in full from their portion of the Bingo profits. Section 104. The grant shall be taken from the Bingo Revenues account and any funds left over after completion of the project will be returned to this account. Section 105. The Funds shall be expended to the Checotah Indian Community within 10 days after the approval of this Ordinance. The Bill having been read, a motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Gilroy to adopt this Bill. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against; no abstentions. Stacy, Wilson and Fife did not vote. The motion carried. The Bill 4D is approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This Bill will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

4E A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE KELLYVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY. Section 101.

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Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Kellyville Indian Community was chartered on October 28, 1983. B. The Kellyville Indian Community is in need of an economic development project in order to provide funding to the Community and also provide employment for Community members. C. The Kellyville Indian Community is in need of a facility in which to hold meetings. D. The Creek Nation owns approximately seven (7) acres with metal building, the Silver Dollar Ballroom, located on it, in the Kellyville Community. This property has been vacant for over twenty (20) months. **Section 102.** The Kellyville Indian Community has met several times and agreed to pursue the establishment of a Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park at the Silver Dollar site, along with establishment of a Smoke Shop and a Gift Shop. **Section 103.** The monies needed for this project are as follows:

Cigarettes	\$12,000
RV Park	30,666
Renovation for Gift and Smoke Shop	25,000
Contingency Fund (Start-up)	7,354
	\$75,000

Section 104. The National Council hereby appropriated \$75,000 from Bingo Revenue to the Kellyville Indian Community for the establishment of this project. **Section 105.** The funds shall be expended to the Kellyville Indian Community within 10 days after the approval of this Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to substitute attached sheet as amendment for Section 103 through Section 106. Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Burden, Stacy, Wilson and Fife did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill will reflect the Amendment. Johnson Buck made a motion to approve this Bill as amended. Newton seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor; none against; no abstentions. Stacy, Wilson and Fife did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill 4E was approved and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature and recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

4F A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EUFAULA DORMITORY. **Section 101.** Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation fully supports a quality educational process for Indian youths. B. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has successfully performed its administrative requirements for contracting the Eufaula Dormitory. C. Federal funding reductions make it necessary to allocate tribal revenues to maintain the quality educational services at the Eufaula Dormitory. **Section 102.** Therefore, Bingo Revenues are hereby authorized, programmed and appropriated as follows:

A. Eufaula Dormitory	
1. Personnel & Fringe (30.8%)	\$125,287
Cook	\$13,689
Health Coordinator	25,444
Home Living Aide	10,800
Home Living Aide	11,463
Home Living Aide	11,463
Home Living Aide	11,463
Home Living Aide	11,463

Fringe	29,502	
2. Travel	-0-	
3. Operating Expense	-0-	
TOTAL		\$125,287

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of this Bill. Williams made a motion to add Section 103 to read: "The Principal Chief may not modify this budget." Berryhill seconded this motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Burden, Newton, Stacy, Thomas, Wilson, and Fife did not vote. Motion carried. The amendment carried. Rhodes made a motion to add to the Title the word Supplemental before Funds. McIntosh seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Burden, Newton, Stacy, Wilson, Thomas, and Fife did not vote. Motion carried. The amendment will be recorded. A motion was made by Rhodes to approve this Bill as amended. Johnson Buck seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Burden, Newton, Stacy, Thomas, Wilson and Fife did not vote. Motion Carried. The Bill 4F was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This Bill will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature. At this time 4L was moved up on the agenda.

4L A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 88-79, THE HOSPITAL AND CLINICS BOARD ACT OF 1988. **Section 101.** NCA 88-79 is amended by the deletion of Section 105 in its entirety and the addition of a new Section 105. 1. Old Section 105 to be deleted: Board Composition A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall be composed of five persons, four who shall be Tribal Citizens serving four year terms whose initial term of office shall be staggered.

one member for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years and one member for four years; and shall be nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council and one member shall be the Director of Community Services; and any members of the Board may be removed for cause by majority vote of the National Council after due process has been granted. Tribal Citizens shall be selected on the basis of knowledge and experience in health care. B. Vacancies may be filled by Commission. No commission shall be valid unless in writing and a copy of such writing submitted to the National Council immediately. Any nominee commissioned and not approved by the National Council at the next regular meeting shall not be recommissioned or resubmitted for one year.

2. New Section 105 to be added: Board Composition. A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board shall be composed of three persons, who shall be Tribal Citizens serving four year terms, whose initial terms of office shall be staggered, one member for two (2) years, one member for three (3) years, and one member for four the Principal Chief and approved by the National Council. Any member of the Board may be removed for cause by majority vote of the National Council after due process has been granted. Tribal Citizens shall be selected on the basis of knowledge and

experience in health care and business. B. Any nominee not approved by the National Council at the next council meeting shall not be resubmitted for one year. C. For the purposes of this amendment all Board members who have been appointed and confirmed by Ordinance shall remain on the Board. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of this Bill. Williams made a motion to adopt this bill and Almerigi seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Burden, Newton, Stacy, Thomas, Wilson and Fife did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill 4L was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Also this Bill be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

4G A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE GAMING COMMISSION FOR THE BALANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 1989. **Section 101.** Findings: The National Council finds that the Office of the Gaming Commission was established by Ordinance and has successfully fulfilled the regulatory function of this office. Further, it is in the best interest of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to appropriate five (5) months funding for the continued operation of the Office of the Gaming Commission. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby appropriates Bingo Revenue in the amount of \$107,952.41 for the continued operation of the Office of the Gaming Commission during the remainder of the 1989 Fiscal Year (May 1 - September 30).

Office of the Gaming Commission

Salaries	\$64,815.86
Commissioner	\$16,590.60
Administrative Secretary	8,341.05
Deputy/Operations	10,037.47
Deputy/Audit	9,252.35
Secretary/Statistician	6,075.49
Deputy/Compliance	7,814.04
Secretary	6,704.86
Fringe Benefits	\$19,052.30
Operating Expenses	\$24,084.25
Travel	\$ 8,333.00
Office Space, 710 sq. ft.	
@ \$15.00	4,437.85
Equipment	1,195.93
Supplies	1,379.28
Telephone, 0km/tul (3 @	
\$1,955/\$2,875)	3,661.95
Service and Repair	833.40
Publications and Periodicals	208.35
Seminars and Fees	750.06
Association Dues (NIGA/OIGC)	2,292.68
Legal/Auditing	991.75
TOTAL	\$107,952.41

Section 103. The Office of the Gaming Commission may, with the approval of the Principal Chief, modify the budgeted amounts under operating expenses within the limits of the approved appropriation. Upon the Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for this Bill. Johnson Buck made a motion to adopt and Little seconded the motion. Discussion. Rhodes made a motion to delete Section 103. Little seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor; ten against; no abstentions. Voting Yes — Berryhill, Cleghorn, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, McIntosh, Kamp. Voting No — Almerigi, Bear, Chupco, Frye, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Little, Buck, Buck. Not voting were — Burden, Newton, Thomas, Johnson, Wilson and Fife. Motion failed. Williams made a motion to amend Section 103 to read: "the office of the Gaming Commission may modify the budgeted amounts under Operating Expense by Ordinance." Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor; ten against; no abstentions. Voting NO — Almerigi, Bear, Chupco, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Little, Frye, Buck, Buck. Voting YES — Berryhill, Cleghorn, McIntosh, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp. Not voting were — Burden, Johnson, Newton, Wilson, Thomas and Fife. Motion failed. ON THE FIRST MOTION FOR THE BILL, results being: thirteen in favor; three against; one abstention. Voting NO — McIntosh, Stacy and Williams. Voting YES — Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Little, Frye, Kamp, Buck, Buck. Abstained — Rhodes. Not voting — Burden, Newton, Johnson, Thomas, Wilson and Fife. Motion Carried. The Bill 4G was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This Bill will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

4H A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION RETURNING THE BIA—IIM ACCOUNTS TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. **Section 101.** Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was instructed by the Assistant Secretary to forward tribal monies in IIM accounts to the Tribal Government. B. The BIA has forwarded \$281,637.33 to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and subsequently requested an ordinance authorizing the Tribal Government to appropriate the funds or to return the funds to the BIA. C. NCA 88-38 enacted by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on the 30th day of July 1988, reserved the receipt of funds from BIA-IIM Accounts to be held in interest bearing accounts pending further action by the National Council. NCA 88-38 also instructed the Principal Chief to request an accounting of the source of revenue from each IIM Account. D. The Principal Chief requested from the BIA an accounting of the source of Revenue from each IIM Account. E. The BIA researched the source of these funds and has now accounted for and documented the source of these revenues in each IIM Account. F. On January 18, 1989, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation submitted to the BIA request for funds for the 2nd Quarter funding for the FY 1989 Tribal Budget. Upon receipt of these requests the BIA deducted the IIM principle amounts resulting in a shortage of money for the FY 1989 Tribal Budget. **Section 102.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall return to the Bureau of Indian Affairs the following IIM funds for deposit into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Tribal Trust Fund accounts.

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A. Economic Development 9977/2614 Creek Tribal Dairy Program Acct. #908T000025	\$ 850.24
B. Tribal Welfare 9977/2628 Creek Welfare Services Account #908T000025	849.06
C. (304) IIM Rehabilitation Earnings Creek Tribe of OK—Hanna Project Account #908T000023	278,778.66
D. Tribal Government Operations 9977/2621 Creek Nation Account #908T000026	1,159.37
	\$281,637.33

A motion was made to abstain from reading, and to adopt this Bill by Stacy. The motion was seconded by Little. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seventeen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Not voting were — Burden, Johnson, Newton, Thomas, Wilson and Fife. Motion carried. The Bill 4H was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

4I WITHDRAWN DURING PRE-AGENDA SESSION

4J A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TRIBAL FUNDS FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE USE OF THE HANNA INDIAN COMMUNITY. Section 101.

Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The tribal government supports economic development projects which provide income and employment for Chartered Communities. B. The Hanna Indian Community is a Chartered Community of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. C. An opportunity exists for the Hanna Indian Community to purchase a business (grocery store with gasoline pumps) which is located within the boundaries of the Hanna Indian Community. D. An appraisal of the property is as follows:

1. Five acres of land	\$5,000.00
2. Store building	13,700.00
3. Gasoline pumps/equip.	\$10 to \$12,000.00

Section 102. The National Council hereby authorizes and directs the Principal Chief to enter into negotiations with the owner of the property described herein and Principal Chief shall purchase said property at a price not to exceed forty-five thousand (\$45,000) dollars. **Section 103** The property is known as the Garrison Store and is located in the Southwest Corner of SW/4 SE/4, Section 13-T9N-R13E, McIntosh County, Oklahoma. **Section 104.** Funds in the amount of \$45,000.00 to purchase this property are hereby appropriated from the Fiscal Year 1989 Tribal Budget, Docket 21/276 "Capitol Acquisitions" or Bingo Revenues. **Section 105.** Upon the purchase of this property the National Council authorizes and directs the Principal Chief to execute a loan agreement with the Hanna Indian Community for forty-five thousand (\$45,000.00) dollars for the purpose of:

- Acquiring inventories for the grocery store.
- Acquiring inventory for a Smokeshop.
- To fill gasoline storage tanks.
- Start-up funds.

The loan funds are hereby appropriated from the Tribal Budget, Three Year Plan, "Economic Development" funds. The loan payments shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the monthly net profits of the enterprise. **Section 106.** The Principal Chief shall request, if needed, early buyouts of investments from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. **Section 107.** The National Council authorizes and directs the Principal Chief to convey title to the above described property to the United States of America for the Muscogee (Creek) and to hold said lands in Trust under the appropriate Federal Statute. **Section 108** The Principal Chief shall comply with Section 102 within thirty (30) days of the date

of this ordinance. **Section 109.** The Principal Chief shall comply with Section 105 and Section 107 within forty-five (45) days of the date of this ordinance. **Section 110.** The Hanna Indian Community shall submit to the Principal Chief and to the Speaker of the National Council documentation concerning the expenditure of funds received in Section 105 no later than thirty (30) days of operation of this Economic Development Project. **Section 111.** The Hanna Indian Community shall comply with all tribal ordinances in the operation of this project. Upon the Bill 4J having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for this Bill. Kamp made a motion to approve this Bill. McIntosh seconded the motion. Discussion. Dunson made a motion to table this Bill for 90 days. Almerigi made a second. Discussion. Upon this motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eleven in favor; four against; one abstention. Voting YES — Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Frye, Rhodes, Chupco, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Little, Williams. Voting NO — Stacy, McIntosh, Kamp, Johnson Buck, Robert Buck abstained. Not voting were — Burden, Newton, Cleghorn, Johnson, Thomas, Wilson, Fife. Motion carried. This Bill will be tabled for 90 days.

4K A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 88-06, THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TAX CODE. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. Numerous chartered Community organizations have established and licensed Indian tobacco outlets as economic development projects, providing revenue and jobs to the Community. B. Restricted property suitable for locating other Indian tobacco outlets often exist within close proximity to established Community tobacco outlets. C. In order to preserve existing Community economic development activity (Community operated tobacco outlets), criteria should be established allowing chartered Community organizations to maintain licensing priority within their Community area.

Section 102. Ordinance NCA 88-06 is amended by adding Section 208 to title II - Administration. Section 208 shall read as follows: A. Chartered Communities/Organizations shall be afforded first priority for licensing a tobacco outlet within their Community area. B. If a chartered Community/Organization fails to indicate interest in licensing a location (defined as submitting formal application to the Creek Nation Tax Commission) within their area, Individual operators will then be allowed to apply for licensing within the Community area. The Tax Commissioner shall notify a community when an individual has applied for a tobacco tax license within the community area. Community shall have 30 days to exercise its preference for a license after notice from the Commissioner. C. If a Community organization currently operates/sanctions a location within their Community, and an individual desires to also license a location within the Community (within a 5 mile radius of the existing Community tobacco outlet), said individual must have the formal consent of the Community and/or provided approval through Ordinance. D. Smoke shops in operation at the time of enactment of this amendment shall not be affected by the passage of this Ordinance. The Bill 4K having been read, Johnson Buck made a motion to adopt this Bill. Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Not voting were — Burden, Cleghorn, Johnson, Newton,

Thomas, Wilson, Fife. Motion carried. The Bill 4K was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature. A motion was made by Cloud to adjourn and seconded by McIntosh. Benediction was given by Jonas Dunson. Meeting adjourned.

MAY 20, 1989 REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION: Thomas Berryhill

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council Muscogee Nation.

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken with the Speaker declaring a quorum of Twenty-two (22) present and four (4) absent. The roll call was made as follows:

Present were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Kamp, Fife, Johnson Buck, Childers and Primeaux. Absent were: Bible, Thomas, Wilson and Robert Buck.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: April 29, 1989 - Regular Session. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Gilroy to adopt the minutes of April 29, 1989 Regular Session. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty two in favor, none against; no abstentions. Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Old Business - Veto Messages

1. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-46 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. May 10, 1989. I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-46 entitled "Establishing an Economic Development Project for the Kellyville Indian Community" to the National Council with objections as follows:

OBJECTION: FURTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED FOR THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK. Experience has shown that smokeshop projects can provide income for local communities. Before construction of an RV park, further feasibility information is required to determine projected utilization, construction costs, and other factors.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that an ordinance be passed appropriating funds for all line items in NCA 89-46 with the exception of construction funds for the RV Park. Also, funds could be appropriated to cover costs of a feasibility study, with financial projections, regarding the RV Park Project. Therefore, NCA 89-46 is returned as a VETO.

Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Cloud made a motion to override this Veto, and the motion was seconded by Bear.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty two in favor; none against; no abstentions. Motion carried. The Veto was overridden and will be recorded as an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

2. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-49 TO NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS: May 10, 1989, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-49 entitled "Authorizing the Purchase of Land and the Construction of a Community Center for the Use of the Facility, by the Hanna Indian Community", to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION ONE: SECTION 105 DOES NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO PURCHASE PROPERTY. The ordinance, as passed, has identified specific property to be purchased and limits the purchase time to within ten (10) days of the date of legislation.

The time is not sufficient to allow for an updated appraisal, and updated abstract, a title opinion, final negotiations, and other necessary activities to be completed prior to closing.

OBJECTION TWO: DOCUMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY PLAN IS REQUIRED In order to best meet the needs of the community and the tribal government, a community plan should be developed which will include a needs assessment for the area, feasibility information on proposed projects, financial requirements for operational costs, documentation of community input, and other planning information.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that a community plan be developed and impractical time limits be removed from the legislation. Therefore, NCA 89-49 is returned as a VETO. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief

The Veto message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. McIntosh made a motion to override the Veto. Newton seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; two against; one abstention. Voting No were - Almerigi and Chupco. Abstaining — Gilroy. Motion carried. The Veto was overridden and NCA 89-49 will be recorded as an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

3. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-58 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS — May 10, 1989. In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, do hereby return NCA 89-58 entitled "Amending NCA 88-79, the Hospital and Clinics Board Act of 1988" to the National Council with the following objections: **Objection: NCA 88-79 PROVIDES FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT THAN THE AMENDED LEGISLATION NCA 88-79** established the position of Director, Division of Community Services, as a member of the Hospital and Clinics Board. This position, due to federal contracting components provides continuity between Administrative Management and Functional Management. Elimination of this management link would have a negative impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of the governing body. Further, the reduction in the number of board members from five to three would serve no practical purpose. The immediate situation would leave but one board member, Abe McIntosh, with two members serving by commission pending confirmation. **RECOMMENDATION:** Since NCA 88-79 provides for a better structure than the amended version under NCA 89-58, no further action is necessary. Therefore, NCA 89-58 is returned as a VETO. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The Veto message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Primeaux made a motion to override the Veto and Burden seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was made with the results being: Nineteen in favor; two against; one abstention. Voting No were Johnson and Johnson Buck. Chupco abstained. Motion carried. The Bill NCA 89-58 was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as an Ordinance.

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5A AMENDING THE ELECTION ORDINANCE, NCA 81-82 Section 101. The Tribal Ordinance "Establishing Regular and Special Election Laws": NCA 81-82 is hereby amended at Article X, Absentee Voting, Section 1013, Examination of Signatures - Removal of Outer Envelopes. The present language reads: Section 1013, Examination of Signatures - Removal of Outer Envelopes. Upon receipt of Absentee Ballots, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board shall cause the examination of signatures in the office of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board. After such envelope is checked, and said voter is credited with voting in said election on the appropriate form, the outer envelopes shall be removed and placed in a secure place and the envelopes marked "Absentee Ballots" shall be returned to the ballot box and locked with three locks. Said procedure shall continue until all ballots sent by United States mail and received by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation election Board no later than 7:00 p.m. at the prescribed post office box, and those which are received by precincts or drop-ins have been checked. This amendment shall read as follows:

Section 1013, Examination of Signatures - Removal of Outer Envelopes. At 9:00 a.m. on election day Absentee Ballots boxes shall be transported from the Okmulgee Post Office to the Tribal Complex. Upon receipt of Absentee ballots the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board shall cause the examination of signatures in "Public" at the offices of the Election Board. ("Public" - shall mean in the presence of two representatives of the Tribal Administration, and one representative of each candidate involved). (Affidavit of compliance is required to be completed by Election Board Secretary). After each envelope is checked and said voter is credited with voting in said election on the appropriate form, the outer envelopes shall be removed and placed in a secure place. The envelopes marked "Absentee Ballots" shall be returned to the Ballot Box. Said procedure shall continue until all signatures have been examined. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action. Primeaux made a motion to adopt this Bill. Burden seconded the motion. Discussion. Fife made a motion to amend this Bill at Section 101 under the new language to add the words "if desired" after the second sentence. Burden seconded the motion. Discussion. Fife withdrew this amendment. Discussion. Fife made a motion to delete the whole definition of Public. Almerigi seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor; none against; no abstentions. Motion Carried. The amendment was approved and will be recorded in the Bill. Upon the first motion for approval of this Bill, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor; none against; no abstentions. Motion Carried. The Bill was approved and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief's Office for his approval and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

5B A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING THE ELECTION ORDINANCE NCA 81-82, Section 101. The Tribal Ordinance "Establishing Regular and Special Election Laws", NCA 81-82 is hereby amended at Article X, Absentee Voting, Section 1015, Counting Procedure. **Section 102** The present language reads: Section 1015, Counting Procedure. At 4:00 p.m., on the day of the election, or at such later time that day as the Secretary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board may prescribe, said Absentee Counters shall meet at the Muscogee (Creek) Tribal Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma to count absentee ballots counted according to laws. 1. The ballot box containing the envelopes bearing the words "Absentee Ballot" shall be shaken to mix the envelopes, after which said box shall be opened, the envelopes removed and the ballots counted according to laws. 2. The hereinafter prescribed procedure shall be repeated as however, that in no event shall fewer than twelve ballots be counted at any time, unless fewer than twelve ballots are received in total or after that first count is made. This amendment shall read as follows: Section 1015, Counting Procedure: At 10:00 a.m. on the day of the election, said absentee counters shall meet

to count absentee ballots in the manner hereinafter prescribed. (a) Counting of absentee ballots shall take place at the tribal complex, in public, (public - shall mean in the presence of two representatives designated by the National Council, two representatives designated by the Tribal Administration, and one representative designated by each candidate involved.) (b) The ballot box shall be shaken to mix the plain opaque envelopes, after which said box shall be opened, the envelopes removed and the ballots counted according to law. (c) The hereinafter described procedure shall be repeated as is necessary until all ballots have been counted. Provided, however, that in no event shall fewer than twelve ballots be counted at any one time, unless fewer than twelve ballots are received in total or after the first count is made. (d) At 7:00 p.m. when the polls close, absentee count results shall be posted. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action. Burden made a motion to approve this Bill and the motion was seconded by Fife. Discussion. Frye made a motion to Section 1015 (a) by deleting definition of public. Fife seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor; none against; no abstentions. Williams did not vote. Motion carried. This amendment will be recorded in the Bill. Upon the original motion for approval a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; one against; no absentions. Voting No was Dunson. Williams did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill 5B was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

5C A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE RESTORATION OF THE CREEK INDIAN COUNCIL HOUSE. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Museum was constructed in 1878 for the Creek Indian Government to use as their capitol and is in need of restoration. B. The Creek Indian Memorial Association (CIMA) is a non-profit organization that has operated the museum since 1923. Approximately half of the CIMA Board members are Creek Indian Citizens. CIMA has a plan to restore the Council House Museum. C. The City of Okmulgee maintains the staff and building to preserve our Creek Indian Museum. **Section 102.** Appropriation: The Creek National Council hereby appropriates to CIMA \$50,000 from Bingo Revenue Funds for Restoration of the Council House. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief shall transfer the funds for this expenditure within ten days. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of this BILL. Burden made a motion to adopt this Bill and also mentioned that Stacy was co-sponsoring this Bill with him and her name had been left off of the Bill. Stacy seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor; six against; one abstention. Voting Yes — Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Cloud, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Kamp, Fife, McIntosh and Primeaux. Voting NO were: Gilroy, Johnson, Little, Johnson Buck, Cleghorn and Chupco. Dunson abstained. Williams did not vote. Motion carried. The BILL 5C was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

5D A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING TRIBAL BINGO REVENUE TO CONSTRUCT A FOOD DISTRIBUTION WAREHOUSE. Section 101 Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The existing Creek Nation Food Distribution Program facility is structurally deficient. Other major problems include: 1. Leaky roof creating food spoilage and ruin. 2. Facility too small to accommodate inventory requirements of U.S. Department of Agriculture. 3. Insufficient working area for program participants and staff. 4. Facility loading docks facing busy city street creating potential for vehicle safety hazard. 5. Facility susceptible to illegal entry and vandalism. B. The existing facility does not comply with Federal Food Storage Standards and Regulations. C. Costs associated with the repair and renovation of the existing facility are excessive and not feasible based on physical condition of facility and future program operation needs. D. Tribal property is available to use for construction of a new Food Distribution program facility at the existing Aztec facility site. E. Tribal resources are available for necessary demolition and removal of debris at both the Aztec site and the existing commodity warehouse. F. Site preparation, construction of a new facility, purchase and installation of refrigerators and freezers, will cost \$324,150.00 **Section 102** The National Council hereby approves and appropriates \$324,150.00 from Tribal Bingo Revenues to demolish the Aztec building, and to construct and equip a facility for a Food Distribution Warehouse.

BUDGET

Contractual	
Demolition and Site Preparation	15,000.00
Facility Construction	260,000.00
Parking Area Construction	20,000.00
Equipment	
Freezing Units	26,000.00
Miscellaneous Costs	
Architect and Engineering	3,150.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$324,150.00

Section 103. Any remaining funds unexpended will revert back to the Tribal Bingo Revenue Account. **Section 104.** The Principal Chief shall accept bids, until the 20th of June, 1989. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion concerning this Bill. Chupco made a motion to adopt this Bill. Almerigi seconded the motion. Discussion. Almerigi made a motion to delete Section 101 E. Jonas Dunson made the second to this motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Williams and Johnson Buck did not vote. Motion carried. The paragraph Section 101 E will be deleted. Fife made a motion to amend Section 104 to read as follows: Tribal Procurement Process shall be utilized in advertising for competitive bidding. Kamp seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, none against; no abstentions. Williams and Johnson Buck did not vote. Motion carried. This amendment will be reflected in the Bill. Almerigi made a motion to reconsider this Bill at the next regular session with the Speaker to draft a letter to Department of Agriculture and include a Resolution of plans being considered for Food Distribution Warehouse. Burden seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been first duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor; twelve against and no abstentions. Motion failed. On the first motion for approval of this Bill, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Williams and Johnson Buck did not vote. Motion Carried. The Bill 5D was approved and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

5E A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE THE MEKYSAPV CHILDREN'S HOME Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Mekysapv Children's Home is incorporated by the State of Oklahoma and will be initially funded by the Freewill Baptist Association. B. The Home is a community based residential alternative that serves to meet the needs of homeless, disadvantaged young people. C. The Home is located on federally restricted property and donated by the owner and board member, Mr. Harry Douglas, a Creek citizen, for the explicit use of the Home. D. Although the Home is open to all children regardless of race, color, sex, creed, religion or handicapping condition, it will be advantages to Indian children as the Home is located in a highly populated rural Indian area. The National Council hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$5,000 in tax revenues to financially assist the completion of the Home project as in attachment A - III, Estimate of Costs stated below:

1. Water/Sewer	\$3,000.
2. Interior	2,000.
TOTAL MONIES REQUESTED	\$5,000.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Johnson made a motion to adopt this Bill and Dunson seconded the motion. Discussion. Stacy made a motion to amend the Bill by adding Section 103 to read: "Funds will not be disbursed until a 25 year land lease is approved by the National Council and BIA". Almerigi seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: two in favor; seventeen against; no abstentions: Voting Yes were: Almerigi and Stacy. Voting No were: Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Kamp, Fife, Primeaux. Williams and Johnson Buck did not vote. Motion failed. On the Motion for approval, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor; two against; one abstention. Voting No were - Almerigi, Stacy. Voting Yes were Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Fife, Johnson, Little, McIntosh and Primeaux. Kamp abstained. Williams and Johnson Buck did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill 5E was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for this signature.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: The Chair entertained a motion to place items 5F and 5G, and 5H on the agenda for consideration. Kamp made this motion and seconded by Frye. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Five in favor, thirteen against, one abstention. Voting Yes were: Berryhill, Burden, Cleghorn, Kamp and Fife. Voting No were: Almerigi, Bear, Chupco, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Primeaux. Stacy abstained. Williams and Johnson Buck did not vote. Motion failed. The above items were not placed on the agenda for this Regular Session for Council consideration. Planning Session was scheduled for June 13, 1989 at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Session scheduled for June 24, 1989. Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bear seconded the motion. All approved.



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FILING PERIOD SEPTEMBER 18-20

The filing period for Muscogee (Creek) National Council candidates has been set by the CN Election Board for September 18-20 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at the Election Board headquarters at the Tribal Capitol Complex.

There will be 29 seats on the National Council to be filled from the following Districts: Tulsa- 5 seats; Creek- 4 seats; Okmulgee- five seats; Hughes- 3 seats; McIntosh- 4 seats; Okfuskee- 4 seats; Muskogee- two seats and Wagoner- two seats.

"The upcoming Council will be the largest Creek Nation has had, an increase of three over the present Council," explained Juliene Stone, Election Board Secretary. "The first National Council, seated in 1979, was made up of eight representatives. The Council size is tied to the size of the enrolled citizens of each district, with one representative per district plus one representative per each 1,000 citizens," she said.

The Primary Election will be scheduled for October 28 with the polls open (**See Voting Precincts**) from 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. The General Election is scheduled for December 2.

Candidate eligibility includes: must be a resident of the district being filed for, an enrolled Creek citizen and registered with the Muscogee (Creek) Election Board, one-quarter Creek or more, and candidate must be eighteen years or older.

The filing fee is \$100 payable by money order or cashier's check and no cash and no personal checks. These are to be made payable to the Creek Nation Election Board.

Persons voting by absentee ballot will be sent a request by the Election Board with the last day for the absentee ballot request October 5. The absentee ballots must be received by mail no later than October 28th in the Election Board Office, according to Juliene Stone. For more information, on absentee voting, contact the CN Election Board at 756-8700 Ext. 222.

PRECINCT LOCATIONS

-TULSA DISTRICT-

Tulsa- Indian Health Care Resource Center, 915 South Cincinnati.

Glenpool- Glenpool Community Center (North Side), 94 W. 145th St.

-WAGONER-

Coweta- Golden Agers Center, S. Coweta- Golden Agers Center, South Broadway.

-MUSKOGEE-

Muskogee- Muskogee Indian Community Center, 111 South Virginia.

-McINTOSH-

Eufaula- Old Indian Clinic, 7024 Forrest.

Checotah- Creek Nation Day Care, 800 S.E. 6th.

Ryal- Old Ryal School.

Hanna- Hanna School.

-HUGHES-

Holdenville- Community Action Center, 416 E. Poplar.

Wetumka- Indian Community Center.

Dustin- Senior Citizens Center.

-OKFUSKEE-

Okemah- Creek Nation Day Care, 412 W. Broadway.

Weleetka- Indian Community Center, 620 South Chickasaw.

-CREEK-

Bristow- Indian Community Center, 121 West Lincoln.

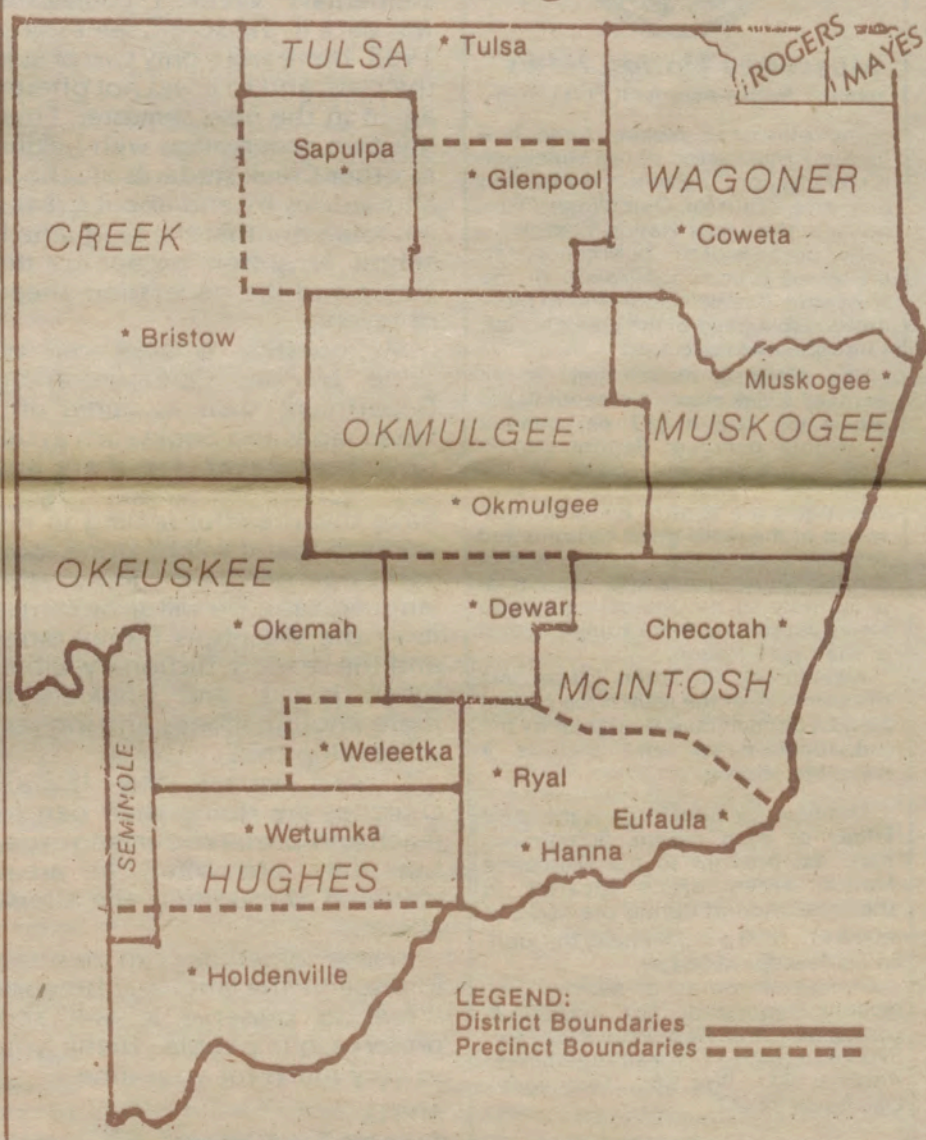
Sapulpa- Sapulpa Head Start (old clinic) 520 South Adams.

-OKMULGEE-

Okmulgee- Creek Nation Tribal Complex, Hwy. 75 & Loop 56.

Dewar- Indian Community Center.

Creek Nation Voting Boundaries



Resident voter registration closes October 18.

"With the recent changes in the Creek Nation absentee voter laws, our job has become more difficult. the Absentee ballot count cannot be done in one day. It takes ten working days to verify signatures and validate ballots. Therefore, the election results probably won't be finalized until a week and a half after the election," said Stone.

MNN WILL PRINT CANDIDATES PLATFORM—

All candidates who have filed for a National Council Representative seat in accordance with CN

Election Board procedures, will be given an opportunity to state their platform in the October issue of the Muscogee Nation News.

Candidates may bring their written information (500 words or less) with photo (if not already on file in the MNN office), by **September 20, (Wednesday) no later than 5:00 p.m. If sent in by mail, it must reach the MNN office by that date. The address is Muscogee Nation News, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74421, or call 756-8700 ext. 312 for further information.**

If you do not have a photo on file at the MNN office, you may

contact the MNN office to have one taken by the photographer the day you bring your information in.



—ABSENTEE VOTING SUMMARY—

1. Register to vote absentee by October 5.
2. Election Board is mailing out absentee ballot request forms now and until October 1.
3. Registered absentee voters must send in their completed ballot requests by October 5 (must be received in Election Board).
4. Absentee ballots must be received by mail no later than election day at 9 a.m. (no drop-ins allowed).



"Spirit of the People" "Fall Fest"

Hosted by the Oklahoma Institute of Indian Heritage, October 1 at the Great Hall of the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City. (For further information, contact OIO 405-329-3737.

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Reader Voices Concern for Language Preservation-

Dear MNN-Gary Robinson,

Last year I had you record all of the Creek Nation's (video) programs on video cassettes for me and I enjoy them very much. I had one tape that was not completely filled and I was wanting to know if I could get your two latest programs recorded on it- a "Time to Heal" and "Token He (Crooked Sticks)". I read in the Muscogee Nation News that these programs are now available in sets.

I have another question- I have noticed that the younger generation of Creeks do not know the language of our people. I am attending Bacone College in Muskogee and I took their elementary Creek I course. This was back in the Spring semester of 1988. There were only two of us in the class, and so it was not offered again in the next semester. From my own observation with talking to other Creek students at school, and articles by and about Creeks, it is apparent that the language is almost forgotten except by the elders and the generation ahead of myself.

My question is what can be done by the Communications Department such as audio and video tapes and books such as the Cherokees have? Are there any such plans in the works? I always have this dreadful feeling in my stomach that it will be gone soon and no one will know the language and we will all be sorry. I have the Woodrow Haney tapes and the readers, dictionary, Bible, hymn books, and booklets. Is there enough money and interest to develop this?

I read where the Indian churches are doing their part to teach and preserve our language, but they are often in areas scattered throughout the Creek Nation.

I hope something can be done to preserve the language because I feel to preserve it, will also preserve our people. Thank you so very much for your time.

MVTO,
Johnnie Lee Diacon
2100 Dee
Springdale, ARK 72764



National Council Youth Rally

The National Council is hosting a Youth Rally September 30 at the regular National Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. held in the Mound Building. Dinner will be served. The Rally is open to all young people interested in the tribal government. For more information contact the National Council office at 756-8700 ext. 383.

Dear MNN,

I would like to request for all Creek and Seminole Indian churches to send me a list of all the present and former ministers (living or deceased), dates of their pastorate, as well as pastors and secretaries present addresses.

I am trying to put together information for all who could use it- churches or individuals. I would like to use it sometime if our church has an all-night Creek hymn singing. I could compile the information into a memorial. No date has been set for the all-night Creek hymnsinging, yet.

God Bless You,
George Bunney
2941 Cashion Pl.
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Seminole Nation Celebration '89

This year's celebration will strive to project unity in all future endeavors. The activities planned are; archery, volleyball, softball, a 4K run for all ages, horseshoe throwing, firebuilding contest for the senior citizens, traditional warwhooping contest, men and women's stickball game, pow-wow and stompdance.

The parade will start in Seminole at 10 a.m. on the 9th. We invite you to come and join us in our Celebration.

Seminole Nation Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

The Seminole Nation as part of their Celebration, will hold a Co-ed Volleyball Tournament September 8,9,10, at the Meksukey Gymnasium in Seminole.

There is a \$40 entry fee with an 8-player roster and the deadline is September 5. Send one-half entry fee(Money order only, no checks) to constitute entry other one-half at game time to: M.B. Harjo, Rt. 2, Box 138A, Seminole, OK 74868; or call Lucy Deere Harjo, 257-2123 or Lee Clark 382-0504 after 6 p.m.

INDIAN TACO SALE-

There will be an Indian Taco Sale October 21 from 11 a.m.-? at the Billy Hooten Church Fellowship Hall in Oklahoma City at 2444 NW First Terrace.

The cost is \$3 adult and \$1.50 for children. The sale is being sponsored by the Hillabee Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome.

Salt Creek UMC Singing-

The Salt Creek UMC will be holding its Annual Gospel Singing September 9 at the Salt Creek UMC with MC Al Brown. Everyone is welcome to attend. The directions to Salt Creek Church are: eight miles west and two miles south of Wetumka or eight miles north and two miles east of Holdenville.

NCAI Annual Conference Set October 2-6 in OKC-

The 46th Annual National Congress of American Indians Convention will be held October 2-6 at the Sheraton-Century Hotel in Oklahoma City. The NCAI conventions are the largest national gatherings of Indian and Native leaders held in the United States. Since its formation in 1944, the NCAI conventions have provided the major forum for national policy analysis and development in Indian country.

This year's theme is "NCAI in the 1990's: A Network of Sovereign Nations United."

Registration information: if you register by September 15, you will save. Pre-registration is \$90, registration at the door is \$100. For more information about pre-registration, contact Dorothy Sampson or Bernie Toyekoyah at the NCAI office, (202)546-9404. The hotel is offering conference participants special reduced rates of \$59 for a single or double and \$69 for a triple or quadruple. Register with the hotel at 405-235-2780.

Dear Editor:

The Health Board would like to thank the National Council for its support of our endeavors to meet the needs of the Creek people concerning health care. The past few months have been a real challenge for us. In evaluating the health care system of the Creek Nation this Health Board sees the need of the Executive Branch, the National Council and the citizens to work together with the Board to provide quality, not just quantity, care for our people. Recently we have been invited by some of the communities and ceremonial grounds to discuss the health care of our tribe. We would like to thank those individuals for allowing us to visit with you about your concerns.

We are planning monthly meetings open to everyone. We encourage your participation by letters to PO Box 158, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or to the meetings.

Shelly Stubbs Crow
Abe McIntosh
**CN Community Hospital
and Clinics Board**

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

October will be the month for the Creek Nation Primary Election for National Council Representatives. Now is the time to check and make sure you are both enrolled and registered to vote.

You cannot vote unless you have received your citizenship card with your roll number on it, and registered to vote with the election board and received your yellow voter's card.

To check on your voter registration status, call the Election Board office at 918-756-8700 and they will check it for you. Your vote is important. Make sure it is counted.

**CN NATIONAL COUNCIL PROFILES****Okfuskee/Seminole District-****BILL BURDEN**

Mr. Burden has served three terms on the Council and is a member of the Community Services Committee.

Mr. Burden serves the Okfuskee District Seat "C." His record shows his involvement with getting the Creek original allottees a one-time payment and assisted with the bill for clothes for Creek school children, as well involvement with a bill pertaining to medical bill payment for Creeks, and one, among others, for assistance in water and sewer grants for Creek ceremonial grounds and churches.

**BILL FIFE**

Mr. Fife has served one term on the Council and serves as a member of the Council's Human Development Committee. He resides in Weleetka with his family and is the son of James and the late Carmen Griffin Fife of Dustin.

Bill is a Vietnam veteran, a graduate of Chilocco Indian School, Northeastern State University and the Oklahoma State University Technical Branch in Okmulgee. He is presently employed with the United States Postal Service in Okmulgee.

Mr. Fife has served as a professional consultant for various Indian organizations and was employed with the Tribe for ten years. He is an advocate on behalf

**Clyde Johnson**

of Creek people in issues such as employment, economic development, health care and education.

CLYDE JOHNSON

Clyde has served two terms on the Council and is on the Community Services Committee.

Mr. Johnson was born and raised in Okfuskee County and has lived with his family in Okemah for a number of years.

Mr. Johnson is a veteran of World War II.

Tulsa District-**LARRY BIBLE**

Larry has served three terms on the Council and is a member of the Human Development Committee.

Bible is the Chief of Police for the Glenpool Police Department.

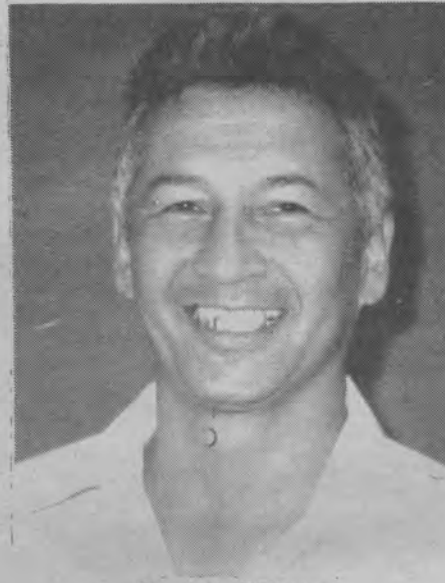
He has served as Chairman of the Northeast Oklahoma Sheriff and Police Chief's Conference and has served as a Glenpool City Council member. He has numerous credits in law enforcement from various colleges.

A graduate of Sequoyah Indian School in 1969, he lives in Glenpool with his family. He is the son of the late Andy Bible and Joann Bible of Glenpool.

KENNETH CHILDERS

Kenneth L. Childers is the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

He resides in Coweta with his family and is the son of Violet Childers Freeman and the late Mose Childers of Coweta. He is

**Kenneth Childers**

director of the Coweta School's Indian Education program. His goals for the Council are equality and betterment for Creek citizens, tribal sovereignty and educational opportunities for Creek people.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Kenneth has served four terms on the Council.

**IRENE CLEGHORN**

Mrs. Cleghorn serves on the Human Development Committee and has served five terms on the Council.

Mrs. Cleghorn who resides in Tulsa with her husband, attended Chilocco boarding school and Oklahoma State University. She sees education as a priority for Creek people, as a means of achieving better employment opportunities and to improve the quality of life for her people.

Mrs. Cleghorn speaks the Creek dialect with fluency.

DONNA RHODES

Ms. Rhodes serves on the Human Development Committee and has served one term as a Tulsa Council Representative.

Donna is currently employed with the U.S. Census Bureau and has been involved in Indian education for many years. She was a founder and director of the Tulsa Indian Youth Council.

**Donna Rhodes**

She also served as Conference Coordinator of the 1988 NIEA Conference held in Tulsa.

**JERRY WILSON**

Mr. Wilson has served two terms as a Tulsa District Representative and he serves on the Business and Government Committee.

Jerry, who resides in Glenpool with his family, is employed by the Oklahoma State University Technical Branch in Okmulgee. He graduated from Northeastern State University with a business degree and was employed with the Tribe from 1974-77.

Wagoner District-**Mickey Primeaux**

(PROFILES continued on Page 4)



Wagoner District Representatives... (continued from Page 3)

MICKEY PRIMEAUX

Mr. Primeaux has served two terms on the Council and he is a member of the Business and Government Committee.

Mr. Primeaux is a life-long resident of Coweta, a graduate of Chilocco Indian School, and Northeastern State University with a degree in Business Management.



ALEXANDER THOMAS

Mr. Thomas serves on the Tribal Affairs Committee and has served three terms as a Wagoner District Council Representative.



SEE CANDIDATE INFORMATION
IN OCTOBER ISSUE OF MNN-

Great Job, Preston Indian Students!

According to Preston School Superintendent, Jim Waller, in a letter seeking input from Indian students and tribal government on Indian student education evaluation, "Preston's Indian students have good school attendance, enjoy school, are good in academics and athletics, and are fully and successfully involved in all phases of school life at Preston School." In the correspondence, he added that during the 1988-89 school year, thirty-three Indian students were enrolled in Preston school and that there were **no** Indian student dropouts. "Thirty-three Indian students passed to the next grade, seventeen Indian students participated in Preston's athletic teams (students in grades K, 1, 2, do not participate in athletics), six Indian students participated on an academic team (students in grades K-6 do not participate on academic teams) and nineteen Indian students received individual academic awards for their academic achievements.



Yonoah McKinney

Creek Places in AAU Jr. Olympic Games

Yonoah McKinney is a Seventh grade student at Clinton Middle School in Tulsa. He recently went to the XXIII AAU/USA Jr. Olympic games and received a First in fighting in the twelve-year old advanced division. He also placed Third in forms, Third in Weapons in the local AAU tourney in May.

His instructor is Dr. Roger Greene of Tracy's Karate School in Tulsa. He will also be testing for first degree brown belt. He is a three-year letterman in Football, and now starting his Fourth year with Blue T club in West Tulsa. He is the son of Danny and Carlene McKinney, Tulsa.

-NOTICE-

TO ALL CREEKS IN OKC AREA

The OCMA (Oklahoma City Creek Association membership) at their August monthly meeting decided to add a little more to their Christmas Dinner by raising funds to buy candy and fruit for their Christmas function this year.

We are asking that all the Creeks that live in the OKC, Moore, Norman, Yukon, El Reno, Shawnee, Stroud, Harrah, Choctaw, Guthrie and surrounding areas to make a contribution to this fund for your children at Christmas time. Contributions don't have to be much. A \$1 donation from each Creek would be appreciated. The real spirit of Christmas is giving, especially from the heart...

If you would like to help on the fundraising and be apart of the Christmas plans, let us know- we would be grateful for your help.

Send contributions to: Mrs. Alice Wood, 1950 Nixon Dr., Choctaw, OK 73020 or phone 405-391-2965.

OCMA Fundraising Committee

Belated Birthdays-



Sonya and Sonja Roberts-

Belated birthday greetings to Sonya and Sonja Roberts, twin daughters of Amos and Bridgett Roberts, Okemah. The girls were six years old July 1 and 2. They celebrated with a wiener roast attended by family and relatives.

Births-



Rebecca Leigh Ann Hokosey Murphy

Thomas and Mary Murphy are the proud parents of a baby girl, Rebecca Leigh Ann. She was born May 12 at 5:45 p.m. at Tinker USAF Hospital, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. She weighed eight pounds one and one-half ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is the couple's first child.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Betty Tiger, Holdenville and Maternal great-grandparents are the late Edmond and Nupsey Dunson, Holdenville and the late Turner and Annie Tiger, Okemah.

Paternal grandparents are Edward and Alma Murphy, Albany, Ore. Paternal great-grandparents are Jane Murphy and the late Eugene Murphy, Brownsville, Ore. and the late Gilford and Christine Holifield, Toledo, Ore.

Rebecca Leign Ann's godparents are Doug and LeAnn Smith of Oceanside, California.

Happy Birthday!



Eli Mekko Postoak celebrated his second birthday. He is the son of Paul and Rickie Postoak, Wewoka.



Lindsey Michelle King

Lindsey Michelle "Semenutchke" King was born April 2 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital to Clint and Renee King of Wewoka. She is Creek, Seminole and Cherokee. She is the fourth generation great granddaughter of Elsie Roberts of Okmulgee. Her paternal grandparents are Mitchell and Fannie King of Wewoka and maternal grandparents are James and May Noel of Pampa, Texas.

New Videos from Creek Nation Now Available-

Just released are several new videos available through Creek Nation Communications- they are: The CN Youth Council Project (7 minutes); Together We Will Conquer: Substance Abuse Conference Report (11 minutes); and The Mark of Excellence: American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame (12 minutes); and Improving the Health of American Indians, with Dr. Everett Rhoades (40 minutes). Call 918-756-8700 ext. 310 for further information.

The tapes can be purchased for \$12.50 per tape.



Creek Nation Headstart Centers Ready for Fall Term

—Photos by Elliot Barnett—



THE OKMULGEE HEADSTART staff includes l. to r., Rhonda Williams, Secretary, Sherryl Gonseth, Creek Nation Headstart Director, Viki Tate, Supervisor and Mona Morgan. Not pictured is Lorene Rabbit.



THE STAFF OF THE YEAGER HEADSTART center includes: back row, l. to r., Theresa Powell, Janice Lowe, Molesia Deer, Elouise Johnson. Front row, Betty Smith, Lou Wanda Merriman, George Ann McGirt and Rickie Post oak, Supervisor.



THE EUFAULA HEADSTART center includes staff: front row, l. to r., Evelyn Dowling, Martha Phillips, Pamela Hall, Supervisor, Carolyn Sue Owens, Carolyn Sue Henson. Back row, l. to r., Nellie Hallum, Franklin Billy, Mercedes Barnett, Mitchell Byar Beaver. Not pictured Paulette Thompson.



THE SAPULPA HEADSTART center includes staff: front row, l. to r., Adeline West, Supervisor, Madja Simms and Barbara O'Neil. Back row, l. to r., Margie McIntoh, Mattie Long and Linda Watkins.

The Creek Nation Headstart Centers are ready to begin their new school year, which began August 21 with a full enrollment.

The Okmulgee Center has had a new face lift, and we encourage everyone to come and see the new characters painted on the walls and also their culture area.

Open House will be scheduled in the near future for all of the Headstart Centers, with everyone welcome to attend.

We would like to thank all the Creek Nation employees for all of the support they have given for our fundraisers.

A special thank-you to the Headstart staff that came in the summertime and volunteered their time to fix up the Centers and the Supervisors of the centers for working hard to make sure every thing was ready for the new school year.

*Sheryl Gonseth, Director
Creek Nation Headstart Program*

The following is a brief description of each Center:

—Creek Nation Yeager Headstart serves Hughes County with an enrollment of 42 children, ages 3-5. This is their tenth year in operation.

—The Creek Nation Eufaula Head Start serves McIntosh County with an enrollment of 65 children, serving children ages 3-5 and this is their tenth year in operation. It is the second largest center operated by the Nation.

—The Creek Nation Sapulpa Head Start serves Creek County with an enrollment of 42 children serving ages 3-5. This is their sixth year of operation.

—The Creek Nation Okmulgee Head Start serves Okmulgee County with an enrollment of 20 children, serving children ages 3-5. This is their fourth year in operation and is the smallest center.

All centers have their enrollment of this date, but they are taking applications for the waiting list- if for some reason, a child drops from the program, that position will be filled from the waiting list.

Creek Senior Citizens Gift Shop-

The Senior Citizens Gift Shop, located at the CN Complex, has Mvskoke Language tapes for Lesson I and II for \$8 a piece. Muscogee Hymnals are sold for \$5 a piece and the First Reader is \$5. They are also taking orders for Creek Hymn Tapes. Call Senior Citizens Gift Shop at 918-756-9840.

—Notice to Creek Readers—

The CN Communications Dept. has computerized the MNN mailing list. In the future, we will only maintain a current mailing list. Any names and addresses returned by the Post Office will be eliminated from our list, and no record will exist of that person, as we will no longer keep a hard copy file on each reader. Please inform us of any address change along with your Creek roll number when requesting to be added to the mailing list.

Due to postage and printing costs, the MNN will be mailing one paper per household even though there may be more than one enrolled person at that address. Thank You.



NATIONAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE REPORT



CREEK SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CLARENCE DOUGLAS shown during the swearing in of G. William Rice, Attorney-at-law.

—By Communications Staff

During the month of August the National Council held two special sessions, in addition to their regular session at the end of the month.

Special Session- August 14:

The first special session was to consider NCA 89-107, a bill authorizing an attorney contract with G. William Rice, Attorney-at-law. The bill was passed by a vote of 17 in favor, one against and one abstention. Principal Chief Claude Cox signed the bill on August 15, putting the ordinance in effect.

Mr. Rice, a Cushing attorney, will represent Creek Nation until July 31, 1991, primarily in respect to the Tribe's bingo operations. This will include all actions concerning Indian Country U.S.A. and/or MECCA, Ltd. A total of \$260,000 was appropriated from Bingo revenues for this contract.

Special Session- August 17:

The second special session was held in conjunction with the Council's monthly planning session, August 17. The first agenda item was the reading of a veto message from Chief Cox returning NCA 89-71 entitled "Authorizing a Grant for the Creek Nation Agribusiness to Use for Operating Capital." The Chief stated two objections to the bill: **OBJECTION ONE:** The tribal government cannot grant federal funds to contractors for operating capital.

OBJECTION TWO: Requiring National Council consent for the sale of livestock and pigs may present operational problems for the Agribusiness manager.

The Chief recommended that the two sections (104 and 105) concerning these matters be deleted. During discussion of the veto message, Council member Bill Fife stated that the veto message had no basis, in his

opinion, due to the Creek Constitution specifying that the Council approves all sale of livestock. Speaker Kenneth Childers reported that he had discussed the matter in this bill with Chief Cox and as a result, a new bill had been drawn up. A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Barton Williams to let the veto stand. This motion carried.

The Council then considered a new version of the bill- NCA 89-108, "Authorizing a Grant For the Creek Nation Agribusiness to Use for Operating Capital." This version of the bill was largely the same as the previous version, with the exception of Section 104 and 105 being changed in a compromise with the Chief's objections. The new bill appropriates \$45,000 from Bingo revenues to cover accumulated Agribusiness expenses, and requires monthly financial reports from the Agribusiness. This bill was passed by the Council with eleven in favor, five against and one abstention.

Regular Session of the National Council-August 26

Before acting on the Agenda items, George Almerigi, Okmulgee District Representative, voiced his concern at the presence of drinks and smoking going on during the Council Meeting, pointing out to the Speaker that he had been previously asked to not bring drinks into the Council meeting. Commentary was held by several council members on this issue, after which a vote was taken with sixteen in favor and six against and one abstention to observe the no drinking, and smoking rule while in the National Council meeting held in the Mound Auditorium.

First on the agenda was Old Business addressing the Chief's

veto message returning NCA 89-106- "To Pay Gregory R. Stidham, attorney-at-law, for Legal Services Performed." The Chief had two major objections- 1. The validity of the contract between Gregory Stidham and Kenneth Childers is being contested pursuant to federal regulations. 2. Payment from tribal funds for such attorney services is inappropriate. After discussion by the Council members on the issue with the consensus being that according to the Creek Constitution, the Council is allowed legal counsel and that legal counsel should be paid, a vote was taken with twenty in favor of overriding the veto, three against and one abstention.

After this vote was taken to override the Chief's veto, Speaker Kenneth Childers asked the Council to authorize him to have Attorney Gregory Stidham to file suit in tribal court if the payment to Stidham was not made by the following Monday morning. That vote was taken as was: nineteen in favor, three against and one abstention.

Item 8A- Authorizing the Principal Chief to Negotiate a Management Contract for the Operation of an Off-Track Betting Facility on Tribally-Owned property, and to negotiate with the State of Oklahoma for a Compact allowing the Creek Nation to enter into Class III gaming, subject to National Council approval, was then acted on. Discussion primarily focused on the whether the Tribe should enter into Class III gaming without an Attorney General's opinion and the concern that the Creek people needed to have a vote in the issue. An amendment was added to the Bill which would include a referendum vote on the matter by the people. That amendment passed with sixteen for, five against, and two abstentions. A second amend-

ment was added that specified the Gaming Commissioner and the Gaming Authority Board work together on background checks. That vote for the amendment was twenty-three for, none against, no abstentions. The final vote for the amended bill was fourteen for the bill, nine against and no abstentions.

Agenda item 8B- Establishing and appropriating bingo revenues for the tribal extended dental program, passed unanimously.

Agenda item 8C- Providing Authorization for Submission and contracting the FY-90 WIC (Women, Infants and Childrens) program- was passed as is, with twenty-three in favor, after an amendment to include the Hospital and Clinic Board in section 102 of the bill, was defeated fifteen against amendment, eight in favor.

Next, item 8D- Providing authorization for the FY-90 Low Income Home Energy Assistance program came up for a vote. An amendment was added to delete wording in section 103 of the bill, "1/4 degree or more Indian," as this is against federal guidelines. Amendment passed seventeen in favor, six against, no abstentions. The amended bill passed unanimously.

8E on the agenda- Reconfirming Toske Williams, tribal member, to the citizenship board, passed with an amendment to decrease the years served from five (which was in the original bill) to three years. The amendment vote was thirteen in favor, nine against and one abstention.

At this point, the Council adjourned for lunch, and continued afterward by moving Agenda items 8J and 8K up on the agenda. 8J- Appropriating the Judicial Budget for FY-90 was

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Council House Art Market September 29-30

The Creek Council House Museum will hold its second annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market on Friday and Saturday, September 29th and 30th at the Okmulgee Town Square.

Traditional and contemporary American Indian art as well as demonstrations, Indian food, gourd dancing and an intertribal pow wow will all be included in the festivities.

Artists who would like to participate in the art market may call or write the Oklahoma Indian Art Market contacts Sunshine King or Debi Johnson for applications. Reservations and booth fees must be sent in to the Council House by September 1st.

Individuals who are interested in presenting any type of

traditional craft demonstration, such as basket weaving, pottery, or ballstick making, may contact King or Johnson also.

The food booths will be restricted to the selling of Indian food only. Any Indian individuals, ceremonial ground members, Indian church groups or organizations are encouraged to contact King or Johnson in regard to obtaining food booths.

All individuals who are interested in participating in the art market must provide a CDIB card.

For further information contact King or Johnson at Oklahoma Indian Art Market, Creek Council House Museum, Town Square, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 or (918) 756-2324.



ZAC ANDERSON, SHOWN WITH HIS MOTHER, AUGUSTA, was asked to speak at the 18th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Indian Physicians held August 8-12 in Oklahoma City. The theme of the meeting was "Healthy Indian Youth: Pathways to Preserving the Future." Zac's presentation at the luncheon held on Thursday was entitled "The Healing Generation's Journey to the Year 2000," which explained the national agenda for American Indian youth/Alaska Native youth for the year 2000.

-Photos by Gary Robinson



DR. EVERETT RHOADES M.D., Assistant Surgeon General and Director of the Indian Health Service, spoke on "Raising the Status of the Health of Indian People," during the Thursday session of the American Indian Physicians Meeting.

Women's Symposium Oct. 4-7, Tahlequah

A Women's Symposium will be held at the Western Hills Guest Ranch, Tahlequah, OK October 4-7 featuring Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Joy Harjo, Joan Jensen, Wilma

Mankiller, Molly Yard, Rayna Green and more.

The Symposium theme is: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Thoughts for a New Generation."

The event is being sponsored by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with support from Oklahoma Women in the Arts, Tulsa, OK YWCA and Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

Watch for more details. Call Sandy Long, 918-458-0577 or 918-456-0671 ext. 311.

-NOTICE-

A Bowling Tournament of the Dallas Indian League will be held October 14-15 at Bronco Bowl, Dallas, Texas. For more information, contact Mr. Harry Martinez, 4030 Virginia Blvd., Dallas, TX 75211 or call 214-337-6035.

Bruner Family Reunion Attendees:

The Bruner Reunion was held at the Concharty Methodist Church June 24 with the following descendants of Billy-Adelaine Flanders Bruner and Miller-Lucy Bruner and Daniel Bruner, present: Lisa, Valerie, Daniel, Rachel, Butch, Billy and Carol Bruner, Betty and Roy Bruton, Chiqueta Hamilton, Virginia Bruner, all of rural Beggs, Ellis Tecumseh, Okmulgee.

Betty Jean Lord Pryor, Eddie and Alice Summerfield, Jay, OK; Robert and Rhonda Worley, Broken Arrow; Burt, Debbie, Cassie and Blake Crittendon, Pryor; Christine, Rex, Gregory, Christopher Casey Stone, Mt. Home, AR; Otis Doyle and John Morgan, Beggs; Floyd and Mary Crawford, Gainesville, MO; Ladonna, Dustin, Tara Fanielle Boyd, Mt. Home; Leon and Trina Baker, Chris Baker, Emporia, KS; Jamie Baker, Cindy and Cody Husong, Okmulgee; Wilda, Brad and Steve Lawson, Claremore; Ginger Buhler, Tulsa, Herman and Lillian Crow, Beggs; Dorothy, Gordon, Sandy Jennifer, Joseph, Jacqueline Meyer, Beggs; Richard and Mary Jane Ellis, Beggs; Annie Mae O'Field, Solomon and Linda Wilson, Okmulgee; Mike, Becky, Johnny, Suzanne, Kimberly, and Tyler Kimbrell, Tulsa; Gayle and Michael Parsons, Tulsa; Leigh Robinson, Charlette, Jennifer, Joseph, Justin and Mike Peeuce, Okmulgee; Richard and Jeannine Bruner, Deborah, Conna, Bryan, Edward, Harri, Okmulgee; Don, Lynn, Shane, Mann, Haskell; Willie Ellis, New Mexico; Donna Beaver, Mary and Alyne Morgan, Beggs; Hugh, Pandora, Keith Parson, Tulsa; Dave and Susie Burke, Ft. Worth, TX; Jacob, Andy Ellis, Luther, Florence Biggs, Jeffrey Hamilton, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Lanna Biggs, Johnny Wilson, wife and three sons; Frances Brazeal, Bixby; Rodney Lovel, Heath and Heather Lovel, Bixby; Abner and Myra Parsons, Bixby; Gladys Fiker, Hubert Meyer, Charles Meyer, Melinda, David Meyer, Tulsa, Colton Meyer; Judy, Rodney, Jessica Meyer, Mounds.

A covered dish luncheon was served. Gifts were given to the eldest and the one who traveled the furthest. Games were enjoyed by both young and elder.

Creek Nation Youth Council Report

By Dean Tiger, CN Youth Services Specialist

As a new school year begins we at the Youth Services Department want to encourage all of our students to strive to do the very best you can this academic year. Begin this school year with a clean slate, set your goals, and have confidence in yourself to achieve these goals. Remember you can accomplish anything, but only if you commit yourself to it.

The Adult/Youth Substance Abuse Conference that was held July 10-14 at the Fountainhead Resort had representatives from seventeen tribes. Even though the youth had a great time it was also a time for learning. The youth participated in workshops that can be applied to school, community and their individual lives. There were students that went away from the conference with a great awakening, leaving behind their shyness and coming out of their shells that have held them down for so long.

The Coweta Youth Council is really on fire! We understand that they have already begun to do fund raising and have elected

officers. We want to encourage other Youth Councils to do the same. Put into practice the lessons you were taught at the Leadership Conferences. Richard Harjo, Principal at Mason High School is really thrilled with our program. He has seen the leadership abilities working in the students at Mason. So start your Youth Council, take the lead role, it will really have an impact on others in your community.

On Thursday, August 10, Zac Anderson, one of our Creek Nation Youth, was invited to speak at a luncheon in Oklahoma City. The Luncheon was held by the Association of American Indian Physicians. "I am very proud of the Creek Nation- they support our youth and have set up conferences for us and are working on solutions to our problems," he said.

We at the Youth Services Department are very proud of Zac for he has shown this program builds self-esteem, motivation and self-confidence. This program also

Crazy Horse All-Male Slow Pitch Tourney-

The Crazy Horse First Annual All-Male Slow Pitch Tournament will be held at the Jess Duñ Correctional Center, September 23 and 24 with First Place Team Trophy and individual trophies. Deadline entry is September 14.

Requirements are: 18 and older, one Blue Dot per team, single elimination, entry fee- \$70 per team. For additional information contact Ken Davis, 682-7841 ext. 236 or Jeff Davis, 682-7841, ext. 223. Host is Iron Lodge Inter-tribal culture group.

serves as an avenue for greater things yet to come into the lives of our young people.

To those schools who we haven't visited, we are on our way, and to those who need our help in organizing a Youth Council in your community, we'll be there to assist you.



Family Congratulations-

Congratulations to Lawana Sue Tiger for getting the President's Honor Roll award. She is Creek-Choctaw, and resides with her mother, Revennie Harjo in Sapulpa.

Lawana graduated from Sapulpa High where she participated in Volleyball, track and was the Indian Princess of the Indian Club.

Lawanna is now attending Northeastern State University majoring in Computer Programming.



OILS Schedule-

The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) will be at Creek Nation the first Thursday of each month to discuss legal problems. They do not handle criminal cases. You can make an appointment by calling the OILS office at 1-800-759-0805. OILS will be at Creek Nation on the following dates:

September 7, October 5,
November 2 and December 7



Gutherie Takes World Jr. Steer Roper Title-

The Duncan Arena, Allen, held it's 16th Anniversary of the World Jr. Team Roping Championship, Sunday, August 6th. Along with team roping, the World Jr. Dummy Steer Roper Championship was held.

Taking the 1989 World Jr. Champion Dummy Steer Roper Title, was Gary Gutherie, 9-year old son of Debbie and Gary Gutherie.

Gary out roped several contestants from throughout the U.S. and was presented with a Trophy buckle and choice of \$10 or a new Lyle's Lariat Rope.

Gary will be in the fourth grade at Wainwright School. His maternal grandmother is Betty Larkin, Muskogee and paternal grandparents are Bill and Wanda Gutherie of Wainwright.



GARY GUTHERIE, LEFT, is congratulated by Chief Cox.



Lloyd Dawn Brown

Creek Toddler Wins Pageant Honors-

Lloyd Dawn Brown recently won honors in the 1989 Tulsa Baby Pageant.

The two-year old toddler won Top Ten from a field of 1,500 contestants. She also won Second Place in Beauty. She received two gold seal diplomas- one in beauty and one in Health.

She is the daughter of Jeanice and Floyd Brown and the granddaughter of Dorothy and Jeff Lee of Kellyville and Florence and Felix Brown of Okmulgee.

Grave Creek Baptist Gospel Singing Set-

Grave Creek Indian Baptist Church will be holding a gospel singing at 7 p.m.-?, Saturday, September 23 in Hitchita. The emcee will be Eastman Factor. For further information contact Bessie Nevaquaya in Morris at 733-2302.

Kaney Chapel Singing-

A Gospel Singing will be held at Kaney Chapel September 30 at 7:30 p.m. The location is six and one-half miles west of Wewoka on Highway 59 or three and one-half miles east of Bowlegs on 59. There will be concession and emcee is Eastman Factor.

Henryetta Reunion-

There will be a family reunion for all members of the following families on September 16 from 11 a.m. until? at the Sumka Residence located five miles south of Henryetta on Lake Road north of Ryal: Hettie Lena, Charlie Lena, Sarah Hicks, Annie Bear, Lewis Soweka, Willie Sumka, Benny Taylor, Ella Hicks, Jacob Long, Mary Taylor, Lucinda McCullough.

There will be games, and a Gospel singing at 7:30 p.m. with MC Robert Jones. Bring your own lawnchair and a Covered Dish.

Creek Selected for Title of Outstanding College Student of America-



Sharon J. Davis

Sharon J. Davis, daughter of Jimmy and Chennenna Davis, Hanna, was selected as the Outstanding College Student of America member because of her outstanding merit and accomplishment. She is majoring in Radiologic Technology at Northeastern State University and is a second year intern at Sparks Regional medical center at Ft. Smith. She is a 1985 graduate of Hanna High School and is the granddaughter of Mrs. H.K. Davis of Hanna and Mr. Woodrow W. Sulphur of Eufaula. Her mother is employed with the Creek Nation Higher Education Program.



THE DEADLINE FOR THE MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 15TH OR THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

Notice From Tribal Citizenship Board-

If there have been any changes of addresses for tribal citizens, please notify the Citizenship Board with the change. This will allow the Board to make updates. The Board requests that if changes are needed for more than one citizen, spouse or children, to do so at one time.

The CN Citizenship Board encourages enrollment for any new additions to the household to be made as soon as possible.

If, at the time of enrollment the citizen's Social Security number has been omitted, contact the Citizenship Board so that the number can be added.

To contact the Citizenship Board write: CN Citizenship Board, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447 or phone 918/756-8700, ext. 224.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Williams Provides Alcohol and Substance Abuse Presentation to Local Communities-



LEFT: Barton Williams is shown giving a Alcohol and Drug Awareness Presentation to members of the Dewar Indian Community at their Center.

-By MNN Staff

Barton Williams, Creek, who is with the Okmulgee County Sheriff's office is currently conducting alcohol and drug awareness/education presentations to requesting schools, organizations and groups.

Williams expressed his concern over the growing problem of alcohol and substance abuse among Indian youth- "In a recent survey, it was cited that over 75% of youth had experimented with or used different types of drugs and my goal is to educate Indian youth on the devastating effects of this abuse."

Williams, a National Council representative of the Okmulgee District, said during the course of his work with the local law enforcement agency, that he encounters many Indian people whose potential has been destroyed through alcohol and drugs. "I recently took a sixteen year old Indian youth from Norman to the Tulsa Drug Rehabilitation Center- he had been a "huffer" (paint sniffer)

since he was nine years old. He will always be dependent due to the destruction by the chemicals, of his mental faculties," said Williams, adding- "two weeks later, I transported the 14-year old sister and she too was a huffer- and the older brother of the pair, also a chemical abuser, is serving on death row...something has to be done. These kids are our future leaders and they have a problem and this problem has to be addressed in some way," he concluded.

To schedule a time for the presentation, contact Williams at his residence in Henryetta, 652-7500 or at the CN National Council Office, 756-8700.

-Calendar Dates Needed-

Creek churches, communities and ceremonial grounds, wanting their monthly meeting dates, fourth Sundays etc. printed on the 1990 Mvskoke Calendar, please contact the Creek Nation Communication Dept., P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447.

Creek Competes in Jr. Wheelchair Games

Steve Crawford, Creek from Oklahoma City, is one of twelve Oklahoma athletes who competed in the Jr. Wheelchair National Games recently in Cupertino, California. Steve, like the other eleven teenagers who competed as members of the Oklahoma Hotwheelers (or officially, the Greater Oklahoma Wheelchair Athletic Association) physically impaired due to spina bifida or confined to wheelchairs due to injuries suffered in auto accidents.

The twelve practised strenuously two nights every week at the Moore High School gym and track before the competition in California, where they entered in track and field events, swimming, table tennis, archery, tennis and basketball. The team is the largest at the competition held each year, which draws approximately 200 wheelchair-bound youth from across the nation. The Oklahoma Hotwheelers have won seventeen national titles- which have been won over the past five years of competing in national wheelchair events. They have been organized for seven years. Congratulations Steve, for your part in the Hotwheelers success!

Creek CHR Named Foremost In State...



SUE WHITE, RIGHT, CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE was named "CHR of The Year" at a recent State Conference held at Arrowhead Resort. Sue, of Okmulgee, began working with Creek Nation in 1985 after taking her basic CHR training at Talihina. Sue is shown above with the medal she received and her supervisor, Joanna Thomas. "This is an honor for me and my co-workers and I enjoy working with our Indian people," she stated.

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amended to include wording in read in Section 102- "income Section 106 involving a petty cash fund to be established out of the Court Clerks account to be drawn out by purchase order. That vote was sixteen in favor. The amended bill passed with twenty voting in favor.

Agenda item 8K- authorizing, programming and appropriating FY 1989 surplus funds of the Judicial branch to a special account for codification of tribal law, was passed unanimously by a vote of nineteen in favor, none against.

Judge Patrick Moore, in attendance at the Council session, thanked the Legislative branch for passage of the bills pertaining to the Judicial branch- "I would like to thank the Council for their vote of confidence. We are doing our best to keep our Nation's Constitution on an even keel."

The Council then moved on to the sequenced agenda items, starting with 8F- providing authorization for submission and contracting the FY-90 community services block grant program (eyeglass assistance) which included an amendment for applications to be taken at the CN clinics, community centers and Complex. The amended bill was passed with eighteen in favor.

Next, agenda item 8G- appropriating the National Council Budget for FY 1990 passed seventeen in favor, one against with an amendment to

lands and leases/7151 and bingo revenue," and an addition of Sec. 103- "Three Hundred forty-one thousand dollars (\$341,000) is hereby appropriated from the income land and leases /7151 account and fifty-seven thousand and twenty-nine dollars (\$57,029) is hereby appropriated from the Bingo revenue account to fund the National Council budget for FY 1990. This brought the total proposed National Council budget to \$398,029.

Agenda item 8H was acted upon next. That bill involved "authorizing and directing gaming operations and authority board to renegotiate the agreement (Satellite uplink) between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Gamma International Ltd. That bill passed sixteen in favor, none against.

The last item to be considered was 8I- Confirming a tribal citizen, Phyllis Warrington, as a member of the Election Board- this passed unamended by a vote of fourteen in favor, one against, one abstention.

The Council Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

FREE '89 MVSKE CREEK CALENDARS can be picked up at the Senior Citizens Gift Shop located in the main Tribal Complex.



OBITUARIES



LADONNA SUMKA

Funeral services for Ladonna Faith Sumka, 17-year old resident of Morris, were held Saturday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Faith Church in Henryetta, the Rev. Joe Grayson officiating, assisted by Rev. George Polecat. Interment followed in the Sumka Cemetery.

Ladonna was born on March 22, 1972 in Henryetta and died Wednesday, August 9 in a Tulsa Hospital.

Survivors include a son, Byron Dewayne Vann of the home; her mother, Doris Sumka of the home; one brother, Leonard Sumka, of the home; grandparents Ben and Lucille Sumka of Henryetta; and several aunts and uncles.

The Feelings I Had...

By Ladonna Sumka

The feelings I had have gone away
And I'm hoping they will stay that way:
The feelings I had have never shown,
And I'm hoping they will never be known:
The feelings I had were kept with me,
And the pain I feel now has brought me misery-
The feelings I had will die forever,
And you and I will never be together.
The feelings I had will be in my mind.
When someone comes along, these feelings they may find.

ALICE TAYLOR

Mrs. Alice Burgess Taylor, lifetime resident of Henryetta area died Sunday, August 20 at her home following a long illness. She was 76.

She was born December 14, 1912, in Schuler to Riley and Mary (Scott) Burgess. She married Hully Taylor on December 12, 1930 in Lamar and was a member of the Randall Mission Baptist

Church. Mr. Taylor preceded her in death in 1983.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Taylor of Anaheim, California and Nelson Taylor of Los Angeles; four daughters, Quannah Suwantvittaya of Santa Ana, California; Naomi Irene Aguilar of Santa Fe; Buna Lou Jimboy of Lawrence, Kansas; and Bertha Taylor of Mirada, California; two brothers, Albert Burgess of Enid, and Buster Burgess of Pineville, Oregon; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Prayer services for Mrs. Taylor were held at her home north of Henryetta on Tuesday, August 22 with the Rev. Robert Washington conducting the service.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 23 at the Merritt Funeral Service Cottage Chapel, with Rev. John Lowe officiating. Interment followed in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Pallbearers were; Woodrow W. Jimboy, Kenneth Taylor, Sr., Jose Aguilar, Kenneth Taylor, Jr., Bill Chisholm and Barney Hawkins, Jr.

JOHN LOUIS BERRYHILL

Funeral services for John Louis Berryhill, 75, were held Friday, at 2:00 p.m., August 18 at the Parks Brothers Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. George Doyle officiating and Rev. Thomas Long assisting. Mr. Berryhill died August 15 at Claremore.

Mr. Berryhill was born at Wetumka, November 23, 1913. He was the son of Houston and Nettie (Tiger) Berryhill. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served overseas during World War II. He was retired from the Union Station Railroad, Chicago. Mr. Berryhill was a member of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town and the Little Quarsarty Church. He had been a resident of Okfuskee County since moving here from Chicago in 1970.

Survivors include three sons, George Berryhill, Tulsa; Alfred D. Berryhill, Okemah; Anthony Berryhill, Sapulpa; four daughters, Dawnna Berryhill, Sapulpa; Mrs. Sherry Gourd, Okemah; Charlotte Berryhill, Chicago; Lisa Berryhill, Tulsa; one brother, Roley Berryhill, Wetumka and twelve grandchildren and two great grandsons.

Pallbearers were March Wind, Sonny Berryhill, Eddie Berryhill, John Yahola, Barry Yahola, Chubby Berryhill. Interment was in the Highland Cemetery.

NORA CHUPCO BURRIS

Funeral services were held for Nora (Chupco) Burris, 73, of Shawnee, at the Kaney Chapel

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best-

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."
Psalms 116:15

Once read a book about dying testimonies of saints and sinners. It is interesting to see how those who know the Lord as their Savior, and those who don't, face their entry into eternity. We have also been "second hand" witnesses of those who have died. One dear Cherokee preacher brother died just a couple of years ago at a young age. There was another preacher with him at the time of his departure. He turned to the visitor and said, "There are two men here to get me." The visiting preacher looked around to see who it was, and when he looked back at the man in the bed, his spirit had departed. There were no other visible people in the room.

So very different are those who are not prepared to meet the Lord. On one occasion, when we were on Pine Ridge reservation, we were showing the movie, "Burning Hell." When it came to the part about the skin worms in hell, the young man behind me leaned forward and spoke to me, "Preacher! This week when I was out on an ambulance run to a car wreck, there was a man who we thought was dead, but was temporarily revived through CPR. He regained consciousness for a few moments. While he was awake, he started screaming, 'The worms are eating me! The worms are eating me!' Then he died." This young man begged me to show the movie again the next night so could bring some of his friends to see. So I did. He brought 18-20 young adults and teenagers to see it. Some got saved. Some people say "You shouldn't scare people into getting saved. I say, people have a right to know what eternity holds and the options we have through the precious Son of God.

Last year when Bennie was sitting in the hospital with her Dad who was a Christian, she was hoping to be there to see what kind of entrance the Lord would give him into His presence. However, the Lord didn't allow her to be there. We should ask ourselves, "What kind of entrance will I have into eternity?" It isn't one of those things you can do "last minute cramming" for like we may have done in the past for some of those final exams. We must prepare by accepting the finished work of Christ on the cross for our sins, and living in such a way that we will be ready when He sends His messengers for us: "And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." (1 John 2:28).

Your Missionaries to the North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest and Bennie Best

with NE District Superintendent Rev. Joe Lowe, Jr., and Walter McGirt officiating. Burial was at Kaney Cemetery.

Mrs. Burris died August 3 at Oklahoma City Memorial Hospital.

EASTER FIXICO, JR.

Services for Easter Sunday Fixico, Jr., 54 of Okmulgee were held Tuesday, August 29, at 2 p.m. at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel in Okmulgee. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mr. Fixico was born February 28, 1935, in Okmulgee and died August 25 in the Veterans Hospital in Memphis. A life-long resident of Okmulgee, he was a member of the Newtown Methodist Church and had married Mary Croful of Henryetta, August 1, 1960 in Okmulgee.

Survivors include wife, Mary Fixico of the home; sons, Easter Sunday Fixico III (Chebene) of Mannford and Billy Joe Fixico of Ponca City; and two granddaughters.

ADDIE DEERE

Funeral services for Addie Deere were held Friday, August 25 at the

Jimmy Carbitcher residence in Bowlegs. Rev. Jack Larney officiated assisted by Rev. Andrew Deere. Burial was in the Carbitcher family cemetery in Bowlegs. Deere died August 25 at her home in Bowlegs. She was 84 years old and was born June 1, 1906 in Creek County. She moved to Seminole County in 1971 from Holdenville. She attended the Mekuskey Indian Baptist Church and was married to Thomas Deere in Hughes County. He preceded her in death in 1959. She was preceded in death by one brother, Dan. Survivors include two sons; Frank of Oklahoma City and James of Dallas; two brothers; Wilson Tiger, Houston, and Eunice Deere, California; one sister, Nancy Carbitcher, Bowlegs, and three grandchildren. Pallbearers include Roman Hill, Leonard Henneha, Gene Wahweah, Cookie Carbitcher, Younger Carbitcher and David Haney.

-Note of Appreciation-

We want to thank those who offered their support, flowers, food and prayers during our time of sorrow. Your expressions of kindness are appreciated.

The family of Ladonna Sumka



PRESENT AT THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC HEARING is Judy Rolland, right, Intake Counselor- CN Social Services and Amelia Brown, SS Secretary, who are taking public input from Creek citizens at the hearing held August 25 in the Complex Dining Hall. The Social Services Administration is seeking funds through the application of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Haskell Alumni Association Reunion Set October 6-7

There will be a Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma Reunion October 6,7, at the Marriot Hotel in Tulsa, located at 10918 E. 41st St. On October 6, there will be a Cookout at Hicks Park, 3443 S. Mingo Rd. Cost is \$2 per person and children 10 and under \$1. Also there will be a Crazy Hat Contest same time and place.

On October 7 there will be a Golf Tournament with tee-off time at 9 a.m. at Lafortune Park in Tulsa.

Contact Joyce Bear, President of the Alumni Association at 456-0776 or PO Box 1021, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464 or A.D. Partridge, 241-6878.

For the October 7, Luncheon Fashion Show, at the Marriot at 12:30 (cost \$10 per person) contact Barbara Shoemake at 743-3049.

Reader Seeks Help in Returning Class Ring-

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to request your help in my efforts to return a class ring I found recently with my metal detector here in Oklahoma. Due to the older nature of the ring (the date on it is 1936) and the name of the school (Painted Post) engraved on it, I am inclined to believe that perhaps it belonged to someone who graduated from an Indian school in 1936; but since I have no way of knowing for sure, I am hoping that you can check through your records and inform me of the location of any school by this name- it may not be from Oklahoma.

I would greatly appreciate any help or suggestions you may care to offer to help me locate the owner of this ring; if I can at least find the county in which it was located, I could write that county's school board.

Thank You,
Elton R. Wright
Rt. 1 Box 58
Gore, OK 74435

Four Volume Sets of CN Videos Available-

Creek Nation Video Programs are now available for purchase in a four volume set for \$50 or \$12.50 each. There will no longer be a two to four week delay in filling orders for video tapes as was necessary in the past. Tapes can be purchased in the Communications Department or by mail. Call 918/756-8700, ext 310 for more information.

Business Development Workshops Held by OIO

Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) in cooperation with the Boston-based, Council for Economic Action (CEA), sponsors the Targeted Opportunity Program (TOP), a business development strategy for Indian-owned businesses in Oklahoma City and the Tulsa statistical metropolitan area. The following workshops will be held in "Going Into Business" Course Number One. It will be held in Oklahoma City at OIO headquarters on September 19 and 20; and in Tulsa at the Indian Health Care Resource Center, Inc., 915 S. Cincinnati, 918-582-7225, on September 26 and 28.

In addition, a Workshop on Course One will be held in Norman (OIO) and Tulsa (IHCR) on the following dates in October: Norman/OIO-555 Constitution Avenue- October 3 and 5; and in Tulsa at the Indian Health Care Resource Center- October 10 and 12.

All classes are free and begin at 6:30 p.m. and last to 9:30 p.m. For further information, call 405-329-3737 or in Tulsa, 1-800-829-3737.

The schedule for the remaining courses will be published in next issue's edition.

Exercise Your Right To Vote- It Counts!

Primary Election- Oct. 28
General Election- Dec. 2



THE OKMULGEE WOMEN'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM recently took the State Championship trophy for the second year in a row at the Women's Fastpitch Tournament held in Oklahoma City. The team is coached by Charley LaSarge and Skip Burgess.

Okmulgee Women's Fast Pitch Team Wins State Tournament Championship- Again!

The Okmulgee Women's Fast Pitch Softball team, coached by Charley LaSarge and Skip Burgess recently won the State Championship trophy for the second year in a row at the Women's fastpitch State Tournament in Oklahoma City.

The team had won the 1989 Creek Festival Women's Fast Pitch Tournament with Carol Dawson winning give games with no losses and beating out teams from Oklahoma City, Norman, Muskogee and Sapulpa. Karen Long received an all-tournament award (short stop); Anna Bucktrot,

left field and Carol Dawson, Most Valuable Player.

Team members are Carol Dawson, Karen Long, Sidney Long, Debbie Burgess, Genell LaSarge, Angela Bunner, Jessica Rabbit, Tara Casey, Virenda Casey, Lou White, Robyn White, Bonnie Antelope, Benita Berryhill, Barbara Sands, and Anna Bucktrot.

Players on the All-Star team include: Virenda Casey, catcher; Sidney Long, 1st Base; Benita Berryhill, 2nd Base; Genell LaSarge, left field; and Carol Dawson, MVP.

CN Social Service Field Day Schedule

The Social Services Program of Creek Nation, announces it's schedule of field days as the following:

Sapulpa- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Location: Sapulpa Indian Clinic. Time: 1-5 p.m.

Muskogee- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Location: Muskogee Indian Community Bldg. Time: 1-4 p.m.

Eufaula- 1st and 3rd

American Careers Offers Referral Services-

American Careers, a new referral service organization based in Oklahoma City, is open to anyone interested in pursuing a career in the Culinary Arts (Gourmet Chef or Gourmet Pastry Chef), Professional Truck driving or Diesel Mechanics.

Financial aid is available to qualifying applicants. For more information, contact Mr. Bob Webb, Director of the Program or call 1-405-946-8838 and ask for Bill. Please make reference to this article in this issue of your newspaper.

Notice from CN Community Health-

The Office of Community Health is developing a project to gather from individuals, used, discarded and unwanted eyeglasses. Collection boxes will be placed at all clinics and the Complex for your convenience in donating your unwanted eyeglasses and eyeglass cases. For more information, contact the Community Health Service Department at Okmulgee, 918-756-8700 ext. 361.



Public Hearing on Three-Year Plan Held

By Gary Robinson

A Public Hearing on the Three-Year Plan was held by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Saturday, August 12.

Chief Cox, Robert Davis, Controller and National Council members were present to receive input and comments as the hearing was held to provide tribal citizens the opportunity to comment on the plan for expenditure of interest income as provided by tribal ordinance.

Approximately 25 people were present at the hearing, convened by Speaker Kenneth Childers. Chief Cox introduced the proposed three year budget which totaled approximately two and a half million dollars.

Chief Cox reported that this budget covered the fiscal years 1990-92 and will be the fourth three-year budget for the Tribe. These funds are derived from tribal claims settled in 1981 and represent only the interest earned on those settlement funds.

Tribal Controller Bob Davis read verbatim the proposed National Council bill which will legislate the use of these funds, if approved. The bill divides the tribal budget into five categories of expenditures, and a percentage of the budget is assigned to each category.

The microphone was then opened for comments from the floor. Six people from the audience came forward to provide input on the budget.

The first to speak, McIntosh District Representative, Sandy McIntosh, expressed the opinion that the tribal funds should be programmed on an annual basis

instead of a three-year basis.

Okmulgee District Representative Barton Williams expressed the concern- "I don't know if the citizens are really aware of what's taking place within this tribe, but if they want to vote for a three-year plan or against a three-year plan, that's what we need to be told," he said, encouraging more citizen participation in the tribal government process.

Thomas Berryhill, another Okmulgee District Representative, told of the need to focus financial resources on cultural preservation as a means of strengthening the survival of the Muscogee Creek people.

Tribal citizens who spoke pointed out other areas needing financial consideration including tribal language preservation and additional higher education spending.

Complaints were also heard from two tribal citizens about how these funds have been spent in the past, including the amount spent on salaries and administrative costs.

Speaking as a tribal citizen, Bob Davis gave final remarks concerning the lack of attendance of the program directors at this hearing- stating the need for a stronger interest on the part of the program directors, to the people their programs serve- "because that's what it is all about here at the Complex- serving Indian people."

The final version of the proposed tribal budget will be on the National Council's agenda for their regular session September 30.

Creek Nation Alcoholism Program Services-



Mr. Bigpond at work in Okemah office.

The Alcoholism Program of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at the Creek Nation Community Hospital-Okemah, provides on going medical detoxification treatment program for both chemical and substance abuse, according to Negiel Bigpond, Coordinator/Counselor.

The Creek Nation Alcoholism Program is designed especially for citizens within the Creek Nation geographical boundary. The program's intentions are:

- To increase community awareness and understanding of alcohol/drug use and abuse as it relates to individuals, families and communities.

- To provide assistance in directing persons to appropriate therapeutic services.

- To assist individuals in evaluating their personal attitudes, values, beliefs, and behaviors concerning everyday problems surrounding alcohol and drugs.

- To provide educational programs in communities, schools and civic organizations.

The Detoxification Treatment Program utilizes two rooms and beds at the hospital, providing a clinical environment where individuals who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs can be admitted up to a recommended five day period.

Constant monitoring of individuals who are at high risk to physical or emotional damage as a result of alcohol/drug withdrawal will be closely supervised by staff trained to provide the following support services:

- Appropriate medical referral.
- Provide motivational counseling.

- Provide entry into a treatment program.

- Provide entry into a treatment program for behavioral change while developing necessary adjustment skills.

Aftercare (Follow-up)

A planned monitoring service by the program designed to assure continued successful adaptation to living through

periodic contact with individuals who have been in one or more phases of treatment and are now living independently. As problems are identified, referrals are made to appropriate supportive services.

Out-Patient (Ambulatory Treatment)

This service provides a non-medical, non-treatment program for individuals who are functional, but require therapeutic and supportive counseling and referral services, while living independently. These individuals may or may not, have completed residential treatment. Services are provided at the program site or in the person's home.

Prevention

A community based service which includes the identification of persons at risk and development of prevention methods related to the use/abuse of alcohol/drug education. Also, teaching decision making techniques and methods of dealing with stress, recreation, social activities and cultural activities or events.

Outreach

(Case Finding/Information/ Referrals)

A service designed to reach into the community, identifying individuals or families in need of intervention and treatment. Early stage intervention with involvement of alcohol/drug treatment is stressed. Information about community resources is provided and entry into treatment is facilitated through motivational counseling, referrals and transportation.

Bigponds' background experience includes Certified Training through the University of Oklahoma; Substance Abuse Counselor at Wetumka Hospitals Second Chance Adolescent Care Unit; Developer/Administrator of Morning Star Ministries Substance Abuse Program. Bigpond came to the Creek Nation Alcohol Program in January. Since that time the program has served over 300 clients.

For more information contact the Alcoholism Program 918/623-1424, ext. 276

Morning Star Expands Prison Ministry

Currently there are 717 Native American Indians incarcerated in Oklahomas' 27 correctional centers.

**664 Indian men
53 Indian women**

This number makes up approximately 6% of the states total prison population of 179,960.

In an effort to reach as many as possible, Morning Star has expanded the Ministry Outreach into two ministry teams. Rev. Ron Price of Muskogee has taken charge of the Prison Outreach for Men with Rev. Negiel Bigpond and George Autaubo. They will continue to provide chaplaining services at Jackie Brannon in McAlester, Ok. and Mac Alford Center at Stringtown, Ok.

The Women's Team will be working with the Chaplaining Program and the Indian Club at Ed Warrior Correctional Center at Taft, Ok. Jan Bigpond and Ehtleen Battiest of Mounds with Anita Freeman of Okmulgee will

be conducting services for the Chaplaining Program. With the assistance of Negiel Bigpond who is Creek Nations' Substance Abuse Counselor/Coordinator, the team will provide programs on substance abuse for the Indian Club. The women's team will also provide programs on Native American culture.

In August, Morning Star was invited to the Ed Warrior Center by the Indian Club, over 40 women welcomed us and enthusiastically participated in the service. Morning Star members who attended the service were: Jan and Negiel Bigpond, Ron Price, Ehtleen Battiest, Audrey Rabbit and Anita Freeman, the group was treated to fry bread and lemonade.

As in the past Morning Star will continue to invite other interested Indian Ministries to participate in the services.

For more information contact, Morning Star Ministries-P.O. Box 97, Bixby, Ok. 74008.



VOTE!!! IT'S A PRIVILEGE!



HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Another Successful Tulsa Pow-Wow...

-Photos by Gary Robinson



MS. MARCY SKEETER, CREEK FROM TULSA, represented the National Chapter and the Muscogee (Creek) Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veteran's (VEV) Association as Princess, at the Tulsa Pow-Wow. Marcy is the daughter of Andrew Skeeter, Tulsa, and Ramona Mason of Tulsa.



WILBURN HILL, CREEK ACTOR, appeared in The American Indian Theatre Company's production of "The Drum and Dreamers" performed during the Tulsa Pow-Wow. Wilburn, of Okmulgee, is an alumni of the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute and is presently writing for K107 radio.

The 38th Annual Tulsa Pow-Wow was held at Mohawk Park, August 10-13. The Pow-Wow, which originated in the backyard of Tulsa Indian Club's Chairman, Kenneth Anquoe, Kiowa, drew in thousands of people this year. Last year's attendance was approximately 50,000 which included more than 75 different tribes from across the Nation and Canada.

An all-Indian Rodeo was held Friday and Saturday night, as well as special performances of the American Indian Theater's production of "The Drum and Dreamers." Arts and crafts booths were set up and there were all types of food booths.

The most prominent feature of the Tulsa Pow-Wow, however, is always the presence of the Anquoe family. Kenneth Anquoe, in his sixties, is credited with the origin of the Tulsa Pow-Wow, which began back in the 40's in his backyard at Lake View. "It started out because we wanted a place to dance- we didn't care about anyone seeing us, we just wanted to dance and it just kept growing by families and we just had to keep finding a bigger location," said Anquoe, as he watched the magnificent Grand Entry at Mohawk Park, the home of the Tulsa Pow-Wow in later years.

Although Anquoe, who has had a lifelong involvement in all facets of Indian affairs, was not participating this year in the Pow-wow, his presence was keenly felt, particularly by the Anquoe family- "This is the first year he has sat out," said sister Mary Ann, explaining that Kenneth was not feeling well. "But he is still the driving force behind this Pow-Wow and our family wanted him to be recognized- a lot of people have forgotten where they learned to dance, but we just want him to receive the credit for the success of each annual pow-wow," she said, citing that it was one of the largest urban metropolitan pow-wows in the nation- "if it wasn't for our brother, there would be no Tulsa Pow-Wow."

Although Kenneth's two brothers, Jack and Leonard, and Mary Ann are actively involved in the coordination of the event each year, it is Kenneth who clearly commands the attention and oversees the organization in insuring a good pow-wow- "His word is like iron with us," Mary Ann exclaimed.



KENNETH ANQUOE is shown during the Tulsa Pow-Wow as he presides, as he has done for forty years, as Chairman over the annual Native American celebration that began many years ago in his backyard. "This Pow-Wow began originally because a small group of us wanted to get together and dance- it just kept growing by families who had the same desire."



MARY ANN ANQUOE, always highly visible at the Tulsa Pow-Wow, is as involved with the Pow-Wow as are her brothers, Kenneth, Jack and Leonard. The Anquoe's, Kiowa, have seen many changes in the Tulsa Pow-wow, which is now one of the largest American Indian celebrations in the Nation, with over 75 tribes from the U.S. and Canada participating.



TULSA MAYOR ROGER RANDLE AND HIS FAMILY were honored at the Tulsa Pow-Wow which also included a special performance for visitors attending the National Conference of State Legislators. This special performance was closed to the public until later that evening because more than 7,000 legislators and their families were expected to attend.



APRIL 6, 1989 SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council Muscogee Nation.

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken with the Speaker declaring a quorum present of Twenty (20) present and six (6) absent. The roll call was made as follows: Those present were: Almerigi, Bear, Burden, Chupco, Cloud, Cleghorn, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Stacy, Thomas, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Primeaux and Childers. Those absent were: Berryhill, Bible, Buck, Buck, Rhodes and Williams.

Order of Business:

Presentation on matters of Indian Country, U.S.A. - Bill Foster.

At this time Mr. Foster informed the Council of a contract which was presented to them between Indian Country and MECCA. This contract was entered into without the prior knowledge or approval of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. A meeting will be scheduled with members of Indian Country U.S.A. and MECCA to determine whether or not contract is valid.

Hospital and Clinic Board

Abe McIntosh and Shelly Crow were present to update the National Council on matters concerning IHS and Okemah Hospital. Chief Cox had submitted commissions for Nelson Johnson and Larry Bishop to serve as members of the Hospital and Clinics Board. Frank Kamp made a motion that the Speaker submit a letter to the Principal Chief informing him that the terms of these commissions had expired under Article V, Section 2(c) of the Constitution, due to the fact that no action was taken "at the next council meeting" on the approval of Nelson Johnson and Larry Bishop serving as members of the Hospital and Clinics Board. Primeaux seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, three against and no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Bear, Burden, Dunson, Cloud, Cleghorn, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Stacy, Thomas, Wilson, Kamp, Fife and Primeaux. Voting No were: Chupco, Gilroy, and Johnson. Motion carried. A letter will be drafted notifying the Principal Chief of the expiration of these commissions.

Benediction: Thomas Berryhill. **Meeting adjourned.**

APRIL 12, 1989 - SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

Invocation: Thomas Berryhill

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Childers, Speaker, National Council.

ROLL CALL: A roll call was taken with the following members in attendance. Present were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Stacy, Thomas, Kamp, Fife, Buck, Buck, Primeaux and Childers. Absent were: Bear, Bible, Burden, Dunson, Gilroy, Rhodes, Williams, and Wilson.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Indian Country, U.S.A. Contract with MECCA.

A presentation was given by Mr. Leisen of Indian Country U.S.A. concerning MECCA contract signed between MECCA and ICUSA on April 4, 1989. Also Peter Howard, representing MECCA was in attendance. Jess Green, attorney for MECCA, was present. No voting took place concerning this term.

Shelly Crow - IHS Matter - Hospital and Clinic Board

Shelly Crow presented the National Council with a copy of a Notice of Appeal filed by Sherrin Watkins, as attorney for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Chief Cox was present to answer questions concerning the matter. No voting took place on this item.

MEETING DECLARED ADJOURNED.

APRIL 13, 1989 SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

A Special Session was called at the end of Planning Session to discuss legislation on the Guidelines for the Festival Committee.

A roll call vote was taken with the following representatives present. Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Little, McIntosh, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Johnson Buck and Childers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

GRANTING AUTHORITY TO AND ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE. Section 100.

Purpose: The purpose of this Act is to grant limited authority to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee, authorizing them to grant land use permits up to a ninety-six hour period for a piece of tribal property known as the "Omniplex". **Section 102.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee is hereby authorized to grant land-use permits, up to a ninety-six hour (96) period for a piece of tribal property known as the "Omniplex". **Section 103.** Any land use permits over the ninety-six (96) hour period must receive the approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, by Ordinance. **Section 104.** All monies received by the issuance of land use permits will be deposited in a special account ear-marked "Creek Festival Activities Fund" and must be expended by appropriation ordinance of the National Council. **Section 105.** All contracts with vendors wishing to do business at the Omniplex site shall be submitted and approved by the Festival Committee. **Section 106.** All purchases on behalf of the Festival Committee shall be done by purchase order and must be approved by the Festival Committee. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action. Discussion. Rhodes made a motion to amend Section 101, 102, 103 by changing ninety-six (96) hour period to ninety (90) day period. Little seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: nineteen in favor, none against; no abstentions. Motion Carried. The Bill will be amended to reflect the change. A motion was made by Williams and

seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, none against; no abstentions. Fife and Thomas did not vote. Motion Carried, the amendment will be recorded. A motion was made by Almerigi and seconded by Johnson Buck to add Section 108 to read: The Festival Committee shall devise a land use permit form that shall be signed and approved as to form by the Creek Nation Tribal Attorney. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor; none against; one abstention. Burden abstained. Thomas and Fife did not vote. Motion carried, the amendment will be recorded. Rhodes made a motion to add Section 109 to read: Rental rates and concession fees for land use permits shall be established by the Festival Committee. Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seventeen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Motion carried, the amendment will be recorded. Rhodes made a motion to approve this Bill. Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: eighteen in favor, none against; no abstentions. Thomas did not vote. Motion Carried. The Bill was approved and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

Thomas Berryhill gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned.

APRIL 26, 1989 — SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

Invocation: Thomas Berryhill

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council, Muscogee Nation.

ROLL CALL: A roll call was taken with the following representatives in attendance: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Little, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Robert Buck, Primeaux and Childers. Bible, Rhodes and Johnson Buck arrived later and were counted present.

Greg Stidham, Council Attorney, present representing Council.

IHS - At this time David Bryant was questioned concerning matters of the IHS claim of 1.2 million dollars owed by Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Steven Fast Wolf and Tom Bad Heart Bull from IHS were present. Abe McIntosh attended for the Hospital and Clinics Board. Greg Bigler, was in attendance as Tribal Attorney.

After discussion, Bible made a motion that the Speaker send a letter to formally request and advice IHS that Mr. Gary Breshears was not authorized to act on behalf of the Tribe, and Sherrin Watkins is not the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Attorney representing the Tribe in this matter. Also request from IHS that copies of all contracts between IHS/Muscogee (Creek) Nation be supplied to the Council. Burden seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty in favor, none against, no absentions. Motion carried.

ON ANOTHER ISSUE, Barton Williams made a motion that the National Council get their own P.O. Box. Burden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty in favor, none against, no abstentions.

MECCA LETTER asking for concurrence. April 21, 1989

Indian Country, U.S.A.

Creek Nation Bingo

P.O. Box 700833 Tulsa, OK. 74170

Dear Sir:

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has reviewed the contracts, agreements and ordinances affecting the relationship between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country, U.S.A., Inc. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation must give notice as to our view concerning the contract between I.C.U.S.A. and M.L.L. (U.S.A.), Inc., a Delaware Corporation (hereinafter MECCA) dated April 4, 1989. Three things are clear from this review: 1) MECCA is not a party to, or have the approval of, the Nation to manage, supervise, operate or be involved with the business side of any Bingo operations of the Nation. 2) The purpose of the Contract between I.C.U.S.A. and MECCA is to involve MECCA in the Management of I.C.U.S.A. duties or rights in regards to the Nations Bingo operations. As such, I.C.U.S.A. appears to have violated its management agreement with the Nation. 3) Until the Creek Nation decides to approve or not approve the involvement of MECCA, MECCA, its employees and assigns may not be involved in any form in the business or management operations of any Bingo under the authority of the Nation.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation therefore directs I.C.U.S.A. to exclude MECCA from its operations within the Nation's jurisdiction until further notice.

Very truly yours,

Gregory H. Bigler, General Counsel Attorney

Concurrence: Chief Claude Cox; Kenneth Childers, Speaker of the National Council.

The letter having been read the Speaker, entertained a motion as to whether the National Council concurs. Wilson made and motion that the Speaker concur. Dunson seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty in favor; none against; no abstentions.

NO OTHER BUSINESS: MEETING DECLARED ADJOURNED.

-ATTENTION NATIONAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES-

Your information and photograph (if not on file in the Muscogee Nation News office) should be turned in to this office (located in the Mound Building) no later than September 20 by 5:00 p.m. We will run your candidate information and photo in the Election issue (October) of MNN.



June 24, 1989 Regular Session Minutes.

Invocation: Rev. Lee Chupco

Call To Order: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council, Muscogee Nation.

Roll Call: A roll call vote was taken with the Speaker declaring a quorum of Twenty-one (21) present and five (5) absent. Present were: Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Bible, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Frye, Stacy, Rhodes, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Robert Buck, Childers, Primeaux. Absent were: Almerigi, Gilroy, Newton, Johnson Buck.

Presentation of Certificates: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council, Muscogee Nation to members of the Princess Pageant Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: May 20, 1989 - Regular Session. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Williams to approve the minutes. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor; none against; no abstentions. Motion carried, the minutes of May 20, 1989 were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS - VETO MESSAGE

1. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-66 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. May 31, 1989, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 89-66 entitled "Appropriating Bingo Revenue for the Support of the Restoration of the Creek Indian Council House" to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION: THE CREEK INDIAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION IS NOT CHARTERED OR APPROVED BY THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND IS CAPABLE OF FUND RAISING INDEPENDENT OF THE TRIBE. The Creek Council House is no longer owned or operated by the tribal government. Further, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation does not charter the Creek Indian Memorial Association or determine the membership of the organization. The non-profit organization is capable of fund-raising in its own behalf independent of the tribal government. If the non-profit organization cannot meet the financial needs of the project, other alternatives to ownership and management should be explored.

RECOMMENDATION: No further action is required. Therefore, NCA 89-66 is returned as a VETO. — Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd.

The Veto message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action. Stacy made a motion to override the veto. Burden seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been made roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; two against; no abstentions. Voting No were: Johnson and Chupco. Motion carried, NCA 89-66 becomes an Ordinance and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as such.

2. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-74 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. Before the Bill was read, Bible made a motion that this Veto message not be read due to objections being personnel and Chief Cox not in attendance to support this message. Williams seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty in favor; none against; no abstentions. Motion carried, the Veto message was not read. The Chair entertained a motion for action. Rhodes made a motion to override the Veto. Burden seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being as follows: Nineteen in favor, two against, no abstentions. Voting No were: Chupco and Johnson. Motion carried, the Veto of NCA 89-74 was overridden and will become an Ordinance and recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation.

3. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-75 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. June 9, 1989. As Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 89-75, entitled "To Establish Procedures and Causes for the Removal of Officers of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation" to the National Council with the following objections: **OBJECTION: THE INTENT AND SUBSTANCE OF NCA 89-75 VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION.** The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which was ratified by the people of this government, guarantees the separation of powers among the branches of government. NCA 89-75 attempts to ignore Executive and Judicial powers and illegally vest powers with the Legislative branch in order to deny tribal voters of their duly elected officers. Further, the legislation attempts to deny tribal citizens the right of due process and access to the courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. In summary, there is little within this legislation that meets the constitutional requirements of this tribal government.

RECOMMENDATION: Since the intent and substance of this legislation is unconstitutional by attempting to eliminate the checks and balances of an organized government, and cannot be upheld, no further action is required. Therefore, NCA 89-75 is returned as a Veto. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd. The Veto message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Cloud made a motion to override the Veto. Bear seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor; two against no abstentions. Voting No were: Chupco and Johnson. Motion carried, NCA 89-75 becomes an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and will be recorded as such.

4. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-76 AND NCA 89-77 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. June 1, 1989 I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do here return NCA 89-76, entitled "Amending the Election Ordinance NCA 81-82, Section 1013 and NCA 89-77 entitled "Amending the Election Ordinance NCA 81-82,

Section 1015" to the National Council with the following objection: **OBJECTION: THE TIME CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY NCA 89-76 AND 89-77 CANNOT BE FULFILLED.** NCA 89-76 requires that absentee ballots be transported to the tribal complex at 9:00 A.M. on election day to begin the verification of signatures process. NCA 89-77 requires that counting of absentee votes will begin at 10:00 A.M. on election day and that the results shall be posted at 7:00 p.m. Experience from previous elections has shown that the verification of signatures process requires approximately five working days to accomplish. Therefore, the time constraints imposed by NCA 89-76 and NCA 89-77 are unrealistic and cannot be fulfilled. **RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that no further action be taken on NCA 89-76 and NCA 89-77. Therefore, NCA 89-76 and NCA 89-77 are returned as VETO. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief.

The Veto message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action. Fife made a motion to override and Burden seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, two against, no abstentions. Voting No were: Chupco and Johnson. Motion carried, the Veto was overridden and NCA 89-76 and NCA 89-77 are Ordinances of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and will be recorded as such.

6A A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION - GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD ACT OF 1989. Section 101. Creation-Purpose —

There is hereby created within the Government structure of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation a Gaming Operation Authority for the purpose of providing a policy-making entity with the authority, responsibility, and accountability of overseeing the operations of all gaming activities licensed by, and/or under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102. Board Composition:** A. The Gaming Operations Authority Board shall be composed of three (3) persons, One (1) member appointed by the Principal Chief, One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the National Council to serve a two (2) year term of office and one citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council to serve a three (3) year term of office. B. Any member of the Board may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the National Council after due process has been granted. C. In the event the position of the Board member nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council becomes vacant, the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to Commission a tribal citizen to fill that position, however that commission shall expire at the next meeting of the National Council, and, the person commissioned shall have no vote in meetings of the Board. D. If any of the three positions remain vacant for over thirty (30) days, the National Council is hereby authorized to nominate and confirm a tribal citizen to fill that position. **Section 103. Authority and Responsibility.** A. The Gaming Operation Authorizing Board is hereby assigned the responsibility of overseeing the operations of all gaming activities licensed by and/or under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and is hereby granted the following authority and detailed responsibility. (1) The Board is hereby authorized to employ a manager for any gaming operation licensed by, and/or under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (2) Adopt operational policies to ensure the business operates at high standards. (3) Develop Board by-laws for approval of the National Council. **Section 104. Accountability** A. The Board shall provide a monthly narrative and financial report to the National Council and the Principal Chief. B. The Board shall establish an internal auditing system of operations. C. The Board shall record and maintain a verbatim copy of all minutes of the Board.

Section 105. Technical Support A. The Gaming Commissioner and staff shall provide technical support and assistance to the Gaming Operations Authority Board. **Section 106. Limitations** A. The Gaming Operations Authority Board shall not contract for the management of any gaming operation licensed by, and/or under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation without the approval of the National Council, by ordinance. **Section 107.** The Gaming Operations Authority Board is hereby authorized to employ a secretary who shall be compensated at the same rate as members of the Board. **Section 108. Compensation.** Individual Board members and the Secretary of the Board shall be compensated at a rate of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars per meeting, plus mileage at the same rate established for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion for action on the Bill. Wilson made a motion to approve. Frye seconded the motion. Discussion. Wilson made a motion to amend by deleting the first sentence on Section 102, paragraph C. Rhodes seconded the motion. Further discussion. Wilson withdrew this motion. The second was also withdrawn. Wilson made a motion to amend Section 102, paragraph C to add the words '3rd position vacancies' after the word "fill" in the second sentence. Discussion. Motion withdrawn. Frye made a motion to amend Section 101, Section 103A (1) by adding: "with the exception of Community Gaming Operations" at the end of each paragraph. Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor; three against, no abstentions. Voting No were: Cleghorn, Johnson, Kamp. Chupco abstained. Motion Carried. The Bill will be recorded to reflect the amendment. On the first motion as amended. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, one against, one abstention. Johnson voted no; Chupco abstained. Motion carried. The bill 6A was approved as amended and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

6B A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ANNUAL BUDGET POLICY AND PROCEDURE. Section 101. Findings: A. Article V Section 3 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution. The Principal Chief shall prepare the annual budget requests and supplements thereto and with advice and consent of the



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National Council administer funds within the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. Article VI Section 7(d) Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution. The National Council shall have the power..(d) to authorize and make appropriations from available funds for tribal purposes. C. Whereas, each year the Principal Chief asks the National Council to appropriate money for operation of the tribal government and various tribal programs; and, D. The National Council finds that it is difficult, if not impossible to prioritize scattered requests for money and to maintain control over appropriations of funds. E. The National Council finds that it is necessary to enact an ordinance that will define the Principal Chief's "annual budget request (ABR) and supplements thereto" and that will set out policy and procedure for preparation of the annual budget requests. **Section 102.** This ordinance shall be known as the Annual Budget Policy and Procedure. **Section 103 Definitions** A. Annual Budget Request shall mean a master budget prepared by the Principal Chief or his designate for the ensuing fiscal year that states the goals to be achieved by each program administered and each function of the executive branch of the Muscogee (Creek) authorities that require tribal funds for operations. B. Tribal funds - shall mean all funds within the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation derived from whatever source. C. Fiscal year - shall mean a one year period from October 1 of one year to September 30 of the following year. The year designation of the fiscal year shall be the calendar year in which the fiscal year ends. D. Supplements to the annual budget - shall mean such requests as may be necessary to fund existing programs or functions to the end of the fiscal year during which the supplement request is made. E. New program request - shall mean a request for a program that did not exist when the annual budget request was approved. F. Facility - means each real property improved with buildings or structures that a prudent person would consider as having potential use or value to the Tribe or that will require expenditure of funds. G. Sources of funding shall include all income received by the Tribal government remaining unspent and unappropriated and all government contract funds and grants. H. Available funds shall include all sources of funding on hand on the first day of May next preceding the fiscal year to be funded; except that, contract funds and grants not committed by the federal government shall be estimated by the best reasonable methods.

Policies and Procedures: Section 104. Annual budget request shall survey fiscal requirements of all offices and programs, whether direct cost or indirect. **Section 105.** The annual budget request shall contain a brief, concise statement of justification for each and every employee or officer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, its agencies, boards or commissions funded by funds subject to control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 106.** The budget shall be analyzed by personnel costs, number of full time equivalent employees, fringe benefits, indirect costs. **Section 107.** Each employee shall be advised in writing of the funding source and the length of time for which his position is to be funded. Each employee shall sign a copy of his Notice of Funding Source and duration of funding notice, acknowledging receipt of said notice to be filed in his personnel records. **Section 108.** The Controller/Treasurer shall provide to the National Council a schedule of available funds no later than the 15th of May each year. **Section 109.** Indirect Cost Budget proposal shall be approved by the National Council prior to submission to the cognizant federal agency. **Section 110.** The Principal Chief shall submit a supplement to the annual budget to expend carry-over funds. **Section 111.** The Annual Budget Request and carry-over funds available shall be forwarded to the National Council the 30th of June each year, prior to the fiscal year for which the Annual Budget Request is submitted. **Section 112.** New program requests shall not be funded except for the remainder of the fiscal year for which the new program is authorized by ordinance. **Section 113.** Where major construction or renovation of tribal facilities is necessary a capital project budget shall be required and approved by the National Council. For purposes of this act major construction and renovation over \$10,000 shall require the approval of the National Council. **Section 114.** A facilities maintenance budget shall be prepared estimating lease revenue and expenditures for that fiscal year and shall be approved by the National Council. **Section 115.** A public hearing shall be conducted by the National Council utilizing tribal judgement funds fiscal year and shall be approved by Council utilizing tribal judgement funds in compliance with congressional intent. **Section 116.** Revenue estimates shall be compared to expenditure estimates and budget adjustments are to be made to ensure a balanced budget. **Section 117.** The Annual Budget Request and all supplements thereto shall not exceed the available funds as defined in this Act. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Frye made a motion to adopt. The motion was seconded by Stacy. Discussion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Thomas, Williams, Cloud, Wilson, and Primeaux did not vote. Motion carried. The Bill 6B was adopted, and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

6C A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT FACILITY USE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND THE OKEMAH INDIAN COMMUNITY. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Okemah Indian Community is without a permanent meeting place. B. Without a permanent facility the Okemah Community is severely handicapped in its development plans. C. The facility which was purchased for the development of CARES Project (a now defunct tribal enterprise) has been vacated since December 1988. D. The Okemah Indian Community has tentative plans for developing a nutrition center, a smokeshop, adult education, bingo games student tutoring programs and other worthwhile projects. **Section 102.**

Section 102. It is hereby approved that the Okemah Indian Community Organization be permanently assigned the below described space of the CARES building: The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained time for motions. Burden made a motion to approve this Bill and the motion was seconded by Bear. Discussion. The Chair entertained motion for amendment to the Bill. Fife made a motion to amend by adding "CARES building located at Okemah, Oklahoma" in place of "below described space of the CARES building" in Section 102. Also amended by adding Section 103 to read: "The Principal Chief is directed to enter into a facility use contract with the Okemah Indian Community assigning the CARES facility for thier use." Add Section 104 to read: "The National Council hereby appropriates the amount of \$50,000 from Bingo Revenue for the following purposes: (1) Renovation and Repair \$25,000. A. Drive through window B. Floor covering C. Duct work D. Ceiling tile E. Lighting F. Reinforced burglar proof room for cigarettes G. Drive way and parking lot. (2) Implementation of Smokeshop - \$25,000. The amendments having been made by motion of Fife and seconded by Burden, the Chair made a roll call vote with the results being: Sixteen in favor, none against; no abstentions. Cloud, Thomas, Williams and Primeaux were absent. Motion carried, the Bill 6C was approved and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval.

At this time the Chair requested that items 6I, 6J and 6H be moved up on the Agenda. Items 6I and 6J were placed on the agenda under Items for Consideration during pre-planning session acting as a committee of the whole. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor; none against; no abstentions. Stacy, Chupco, Cloud, Thomas, Williams and Primeaux were absent. Motion Carried.

6I RESOLUTION TR 89-02 Section 101. In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is the duly authorized Governing Body of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** WHEREAS, The Governing Body has delegated and empowered the authority to the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board, pursuant to Ordinance NCA 88-79 and Ordinance 89-58, to negotiate and enter into contracts with Indian Health Services on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 103.** NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the National Council is hereby notifying the Indian Health Service Director, Dr. Everett Rhodes, and the Oklahoma City Area Director, Dr. Robert Harry, that the National Council is the duly authorized Governing Body of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board is delegated the authority in accordance with NCA 88-79 and NCA 89-58, to negotiate and enter into contracts with the Indian Health Service and the Creek Nation is expecting the full cooperation and support of Dr. Everett Rhodes, Director of Indian Health Services and Dr. Robert Harry, Oklahoma City Area Director in furtherance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's self determination efforts. The Resolution having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for approval. Burden made a motion to adopt this Resolution, the motion seconded by Cleghorn. Upon a having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor; one against; no abstentions. Voting No was: Johnson. Cloud, Chupco, Thomas, Williams and Primeaux were absent. Motion Carried. The Resolution 6I was adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

6J AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN THE TULSA DISTRICT. Section 101. A. It is the goal of the Tribal Government to acquire property for facilities for the use of Chartered Communities and for economic development. B. The Glenpool Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Community is a chartered community with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is in need of property for facilities to pursue economic development projects, cater to the needs of members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and have a permanent location to conduct business related to the overall activities of the Glenpool Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community. C. Funds are available from the Bingo Revenue Account. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to negotiate and purchase the following property.

The N/2 of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Sec. 22 T17N-R12E, Tulsa Co., OK less the East 2.3 A., U.S. 75 right-of-way, containing 17.7 acres. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is authorized to administer and expend funds not to exceed \$170,000 (one hundred seventy thousand dollar) and actual costs closing the transaction, all from the bingo revenue account, to include purchase price, closing cost and insurance. **Section 104.** the Principal Chief shall begin negotiations for the purchase of the property described in Section 102 within ten days from the enactment of this bill. **Section 105.** The Muscogee Creek Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of land described in Section 102 under the following title: the United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said land in trust under the appropriate Federal Statute. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on the bill. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson to adopt this bill. Harley Little seconded the motion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Absent were: Chupco, Cloud, Stacy, Williams, Thomas, and Primeaux.

Motion Carried. The Bill will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his Approval

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THE NEWLY SEATED CREEK NATION GAMING OPERATIONS BOARD is shown above. Pictured left to right are; the late William Foster, who died of a heart attack a few days (September 22) after this photo was taken of the Board meeting. Mr. Foster, who will be greatly missed by the Nation and his fellow Creeks, served as the CN Gaming Commissioner since 1984. He was also chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association. Also shown are Board members, Allie Reynolds, Robert English and Robert Trepp.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

The Creek Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board is Selected and Seated-

The Creek Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board, established by NCA 89-84, has been selected and seated, and is presently overseeing the business/managerial activity of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's two tribally operated gaming facilities, Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo and Creek Nation Okmulgee Bingo. The various Community bingo operations remain under the management purview of their respective chartered Community Boards.

The Gaming Operations Authority Board was established to provide a policy-making entity with the authority, responsibility and accountability of overseeing the business activity of those gaming operations under the jurisdiction of the Creek Nation (with the exception of Community-operated facilities.) Three Muscogee citizens presently serve on the Board, each bringing

a diverse background of knowledge and experience to the group.

Board member Robert English practices law in Okmulgee with his father George English. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1976 and the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1978. English serves as legal counsel for First National Bank of Okmulgee, Housing Authority of the Creek Nation and the ACLU of Oklahoma Foundation. Last year he received the Oklahoma Bar Association Courageous Advocacy Award. Among numerous charitable activities, English serves as Chairman of the Okmulgee Historic Preservation Commission.

Board member Allie Reynolds resides in Oklahoma City, where he is President and owner of Atlas Mud Company. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and

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Fifty-three File as National Council Representative Candidates-

Creek voters, when they go to the polls October 28, will have a field of 53 candidates to choose from in selecting twenty-nine representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. There are eleven uncontested seats. The Primary Election will be held October 28 and the General Election will be held December 2. The following list, from the Creek Nation Election Board, indicates the candidates and the National Council seats they are filing for:

OKMULGEE

SEAT A:

Harvey Gilroy
Robert A. Hardridge
Dan Burgess

SEAT B:

Clifton F. Hill
Thomas E. Berryhill

SEAT C:

Barton A. Williams
Charlie E. Litsey
Floyd Jones

SEAT D:

George Almerigi

SEAT E:

Leah J. Stacy
Anthony W. Hale

WAGONER

SEAT A:

Alexander Thomas
Richard M. Berryhill

SEAT B:

Thurston Primeaux
Helen I. Duncan
Willis C. Bell

MCINTOSH

SEAT A:

Tommie S. Newton
Vernon Courtwright

SEAT B:

Frank E. Kamp
Eziel Harjo

SEAT C:

Sandy McIntosh

SEAT D:

Tommy O. Pickering

MUSKOGEE:

SEAT A:

Helen L. Chupco

SEAT B:

Harley G. Little

CREEK

SEAT A:

Roy G. Bear
Earl W. Wheeler
Larry Joe Cahwee

SEAT B:

Ed Porter Frye

SEAT C:

Clarence Cloud
Betty J. Foster

SEAT D:

Mose Cahwee

OKFUSKEE

SEAT A:

Clyde Johnson
Billie Burden

SEAT B:

Eugene Birdcreek
Ronald Hardin

SEAT C:

Hepsie Mae Jackson
Dorothy L. Burden

SEAT D:

Wynema Roberts
Marion Van Hardin
Billy Sunday Fife

HUGHES

SEAT A:

Thomas Yahola
Jonas Dunson

SEAT B:

Dewayne Lowe
Johnson W. Buck
Susan Walker Perry

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*****ELECTION ISSUE*****



**CN
NATIONAL COUNCIL
ELECTION DATES:**
Primary Election-
October 28
General Election:
December 2

**VOTE FOR THE
CANDIDATE OF YOUR
CHOICE!!!**



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VOTER PRECINCTS AND CREEK NATION BOUNDARIES-

PRECINCT LOCATIONS

-TULSA DISTRICT-

Tulsa- Indian Health Care Resource Center, 915 South Cincinnati.

Glenpool- Glenpool Community Center (North Side), 94 W. 145th St.

-WAGONER-

Coweta- Golden Agers Center, South Broadway.

-MUSKOGEE-

Muskogee- Muskogee Indian Community Center, 111 South Virginia.

-McINTOSH-

Eufaula- Old Indian Clinic, 7024 Forrest.

Checotah- Creek Nation Day Care, 800 S.E. 6th.

Ryal- Old Ryal School.

Hanna- Hanna School.

-HUGHES-

Holdenville- Community Action Center, 416 E. Poplar.

Wetumka- Indian Community Center.

Dustin- Senior Citizens Center.

-OKFUSKEE-

Okemah- Creek Nation Day Care, 412 W. Broadway.

Weleetka- Indian Community Center, 620 South Chickasaw.

-CREEK-

Bristow- Indian Community Center, 121 West Lincoln.

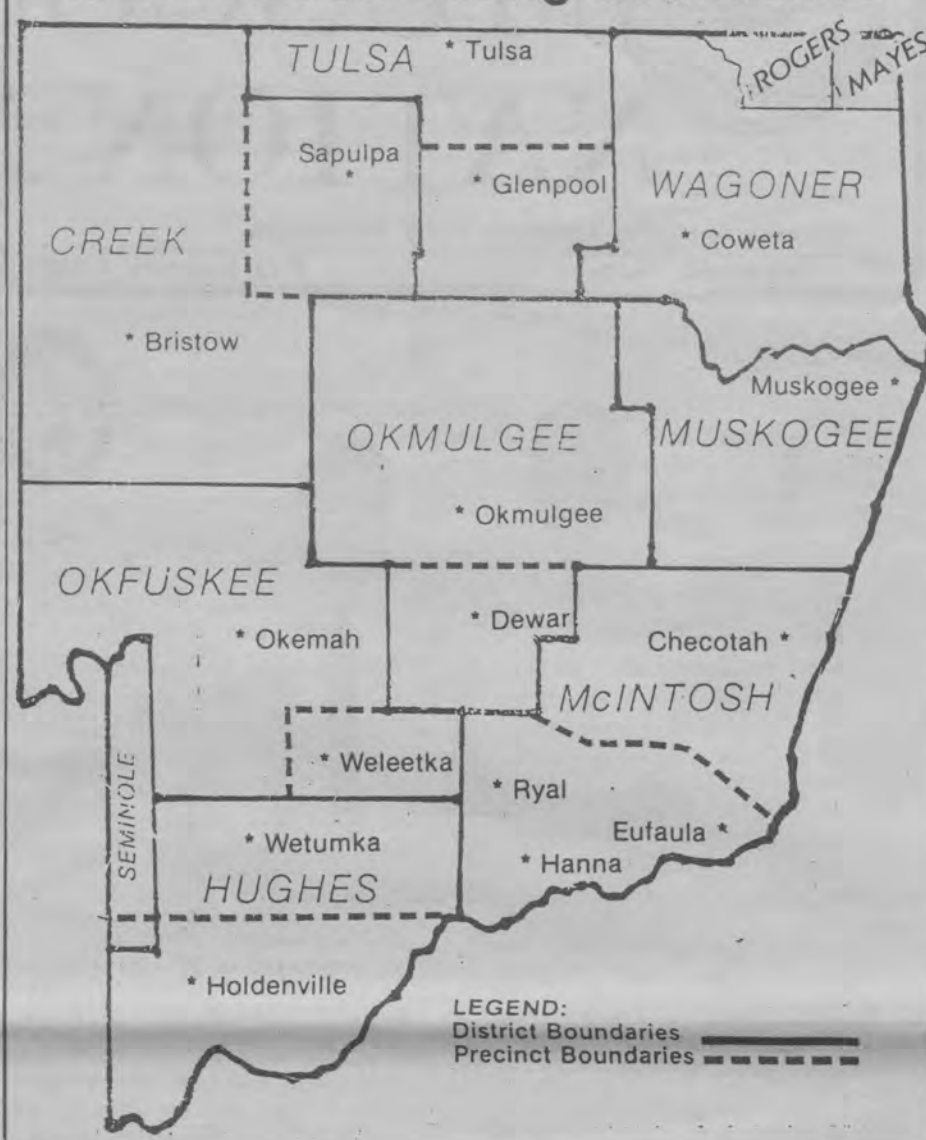
Sapulpa- Sapulpa Head Start (old clinic) 520 South Adams.

-OKMULGEE-

Okmulgee- Creek Nation Tribal Complex, Hwy. 75 & Loop 56.

Dewar- Indian Community Center.

Creek Nation Voting Boundaries



Letters

Dear Editor,

This is a copy of a letter I sent to Chief Cox. Please publish it in the Creek Nation News.

Dear Chief Cox,

On behalf of the National Council, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you on the Editor and staff of the Muscogee Nation News.

During recent months, several members of the National Council have attended various Creek gatherings. Every group has commented on the positive change of the Creek Nation newspaper.

The paper is now truly realizing it's intent: the effective publication of the Muscogee Nation News to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation through news coverage.

The National Council supports the uncensored and unbiased publication of the Creek Nation News.

Respectfully,
Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker
National Council
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Now Available at the Sr. Citizens Gift Shop:

The Senior Citizens Gift Shop, located in the CN Tribal Capital Complex, now has Creek hymnals available for \$5 each and cassette tapes of Creek hymns for \$8 each. Hours of the Gift Shop are 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

NEWTOWN COED VOLLEYBALL

The Newtown Methodist Church will sponsor a Coed Volleyball Tournament Saturday, October 14. The entry fee is \$25 and deadline for entry is October 11 (or \$10 deposit). The roster is four women and four men. There will be First and Second Place tee shirts and Third Place Team Trophy.

Contact Minnie Wolf, 506 W. Yuchi Drive, Okmulgee, tel. 756-8700 ext. 381 (after 5 p.m.-756-3925 or Vicky Watashe, 503 W. Yuchi Drive, Okmulgee, tel. 756-8700 ext. 277 or after 5 p.m.-756-9387.

SKEETER SIGNS TO PLAY SOFTBALL FOR LINDENWOOD

Stephanie Skeeter, daughter of Melba Williams of Glenpool, has signed a letter of intent to play softball for Lindenwood College.

Skeeter is a May graduate of Glenpool High School. She was

active in basketball, softball, the Heritage Club, and Future Homemakers of America (FHA). Skeeter was named Outstanding Academic Student. She plans to study fashion merchandising and marketing at Lindenwood College.

Lindenwood is a private liberal arts college offering more than 40 majors in undergraduate and graduate studies to students of all ages.

CORRECTION:

IN THE LAST ISSUE OF MNN, IT WAS REPORTED IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL PROFILES THAT KENNETH CHILDERS, SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND TULSA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, WAS FROM COWETA. THIS WAS AN ERROR- HE IS FROM GLENPOOL.

In the September issue of MNN, a feature was done on the Creek Nation Headstart Centers. It was reported that the Eufaula Headstart center was the second largest of the Centers- this was incorrectly reported. Eufaula is the largest of the Creek Nation Headstart Centers.



COUNCIL CANDIDATES-

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SEAT C:

Robert E. Buck
Rechinta Youmans

TULSA

SEAT A:

Donna Rhodes
Patricia Clark

SEAT B:

Larry Bible

SEAT C:

Irene Jacobs Cleghorn

SEAT D:

Kenneth L. Childers

SEAT E:

Jerry Wilson

Employees Receive Recognition...



A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION is being presented to Ms. Pat Bunner and Mrs. Irene Washington of the Creek Nation Payroll Department, from Chief Cox. Ms. Bunner and Mrs. Washington have helped the Payroll Department to maintain excellent service to the employees of the Creek Nation. Their work and positive personalities have made it possible for everyone to enjoy a better working relation in the Accounting and Payroll Department. Mrs. Washington has been employed with the Payroll Department for twelve years and Pat has been in the Department for five years, but is currently planning on leaving the Nation to continue her education at Conners State College.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD...

(Continued from Page 1)

a member of the OSU Hall of Fame. Reynolds serves as an officer/member of numerous civic organizations, some of which include the Red Earth, INC., U.S. Olympic Festival and Center of the American Indian. He is a 32 degree Mason. Reynolds may be best known for his professional baseball career and accompanying achievement and recognition.

Board member Robert Trepp resides outside Beggs. Trepp is former Director of Government Policy and Research for the Creek Nation and also served on the Creek Nation Constitution Commission. Trepp is Vice President of Prescor (Sapulpa) and is former Chairman of the Red Sticks tribal political party. Trepp is a member of the Beaver Clan of the Locapoka Tribal Town and is descended from George and Rachel Perryman. He has represented the Tribe before the American Indian Policy Review Commission, the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and House Interior Committee. Trepp is nationally recognized as an expert on Creek history, political/legal status and archeological resource policy.

Reasons cited by the Board members for their serving on the Gaming Operations Authority Board range from public service to the Tribe, to interest stemming from work drafting the tribe's Gaming Code.

The Board replaces Indian Country, U.S.A. as the management authority at the Tulsa facility (pending ongoing litigation), and replaces the Interim Management Board as the managerial authority over the Okmulgee facility. The Creek Nation Office of Public Gaming continues to function in its regulatory enforcement capacity, as prescribed by NCA 84-04, as amended.

Coweta Indian Education Program Selected "Showcase" Project for Upcoming NIEA '89-

The Coweta Indian Education program has been selected as a Showcase project for Region V at the upcoming National Indian Education Association Annual Conference this fall in Anchorage, Alaska.

Kenneth Childers, Creek, Coordinator of the Coweta Indian Education Program, will present a workshop on this subject at the NIEA Conference and will be present at an Awards Banquet where the Showcase projects will be recognized. "This honor of being selected as a Showcase project is a compliment to our school. The main element that makes our Indian Education Program a success is the cooperation of everyone associated with the program, the Board of Education, the Koweta Indian Community, the Coweta School Administrators, the Indian Parent Committee, the Coweta school faculty, the Indian Education staff, and the Indian students themselves," said Childers.

He explained that in 1987, he had been asked to give a presentation at an area workshop on what makes a successful Indian Education program- "A few days before the presentation, I researched what I was to talk

about. I started to just highlight the Indian Education Program components and finished by telling about our entire school- and it is my personal conviction that we have the greatest school system in the world," he said.

The project's nomination and selection was a result of a project review of different Indian Education projects within Region V, by the staff of Resource and Evaluation Center V and a review by the Office of Indian Education Plains Branch personnel in Washington, D.C. This is the third year that two projects from Oklahoma have been selected.

Selection was based on certain criteria that Indian Education projects must have, such as: measurable objectives, evaluation data, degree of cross-cultural or cross-tribal relevance, parent/community involvement, etc.

CN Hospital & Clinics Board Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Creek Nation Hospital and Clinics Board was held August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mound Building.

The meeting was called to order by Shelly Crow, Chairman of the Board. Present was Board Member and Vice-Chairman, Abe McIntosh. Beginning the meeting,

Crow announced that a vacancy still exists on the three-member Health and Clinics Board.

A quorum was established and business conducted on the following agenda items.

In the matter of old business, Crow stated that bylaws for the Board were being worked on would be given to tribal attorney Greg Bigler.

Under new business, August claims were considered for approval, with Mr. McIntosh, who questioned a stack of utility bills to be paid, called for a listing and explanation from Creek Nation officials, on the claims.

Crow directed a statement denying outside consultant work, to John Ketrang, Hospital Administrator and Sally Foster, Clinics Supervisor. No consultant contracts were to be approved without prior approval of the Board. Next, Eldana Swazey, Hospital Controller, gave a report on third party monies- "our goal was \$100,000 per month and we have been collecting \$104,000 a month in third party monies- which is excellent," she stated.

Discussed next was an agenda item on a memorandum of agreement with J.H. Lilly Correctional Center to provide (Creek Nation) health and ambulance services to inmates with the State Department of Corrections reimbursing Creek Nation.

Personnel changes at the

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MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

NATIONAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The information, platforms, and photos of the candidates for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council representative seats are listed below and appear in the order that was provided by a list of filing candidates from the CN Election Board.

Okmulgee District -SEAT A-



(Incumbent)

HARVEY GILROY

I, Harvey Gilroy, am seeking re-election for councilman, Seat A, on the platform of equal opportunity for Creek citizens through a united effort of the Creek National Council.

Realizing that early education is a must for Indian children, I have helped to develop a plan for this early education in my community. Along with the help of our school superintendent and local board of education, we now have an early childhood development program and a day care center in our community building. We are proud to be able to provide this opportunity for the children in my school district. Our children are our greatest resource.

I am aware of the many needs of my people and although I am accused of being too vocal, I cannot and will not sit still for money being wasted, poor management being incorporated, and time being used for worthless projects. I will give strong comment to these matters mentioned. I must feel that I have given my all and my best to matters that I believe in.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the two years and hopefully with your support again, I will represent you during the next term of office.



ROBERT (BOBBY) HARDRIDGE

Robert (Bobby) Hardridge has announced his candidacy for Representative to the National Council from the Okmulgee District - Seat A. Hardridge, a former Councilman, is the son of the late Richard Hardridge and the late Isabel (Sunny) Hardridge, and the nephew of the late Rev. Eugene Sunny.

Hardridge is employed by the City of Okmulgee as a Professional Firefighter and serves as the President of Local 2839 of the Professional Fire Fighters of Oklahoma, International Association of Fire Fighters,

AFL-CIO. He also serves as a trustee of the Creek Indian Memorial Association. A 1969 graduate of Okmulgee High School, he attended Eastern Oklahoma State College, Northeastern State University and Seminole Jr. College. A graduate of Oklahoma State University Technical Branch. While serving his military obligation, Hardridge reached the rank S.F.C. Drill Instructor.

In 1976 and 1977, Hardridge represented the Creek Tribe as a rodeo contestant to the Indian National Finals, but since retired from rodeo competition.

As former councilman, he is familiar with the process of tribal legislation. As before, his priority is the healthcare of our people. As a representative to the council, one must be open minded in finding solutions to issues before him. But most, be willing to say no to those issues which are not beneficial to the people of his tribe.

During his two terms of office as representative, Hardridge was a member of the Community Services Committee and the Special Select Committee to the Constitution Amendments.

Robert has two children, Ginger Ann, 7, and Richard Drew, 6, and resides in rural Okmulgee. He is a member of Honey Creek Indian Methodist Church.



DAN D. BURGESS

Mr. Burgess resides in Henryetta with his son Danny. He is the son of the late Daniel Burgess and Flora Burgess of Henryetta. His family is well known for being world class steer ropers and athletes at Bacone College.

Dan is a graduate of Northeastern State University and while finishing graduate work was selected for employment by the

University as coordinator of Indian counseling services. Mr. Burgess has served as a professional consultant in the educational field and was the founder of the Higher Education Tribal Contractors Association. This association is made up of administrators from the Oklahoma tribes that have contracted the Higher Education Programs from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. While serving as President of the state association, he set-up and was the host for the first National Conference of Tribal educators dealing primarily with higher education's from across the country and Alaska.

He has been consulted by Washington for input into educational policy and was instrumental in putting "on hold" rules and regulations that were not acceptable to the tribes.

Under his leadership Higher Education funds increased from approximately \$600,000.00 in 1979 to 1,300,000.00 for FY 1988. Under his leadership three tribal programs were designed and implemented using tribal interest funds and Bingo revenue funds. He was employed by the tribe for over ten years and states he enjoyed it until tribal politics was becoming an issue where it has no place, in the education of young Creek students. He's goals for the council will be equality in educational opportunities and enforced equality for tribal employees.

Mr. Burgess also sees a need for more accountability in tribal employees due to recent court decisions and feedback from tribal members. If elected, he stated he would work to implement a policy and procedures manual that was approved by the National Council and that would apply to all employees and not be used selectively for a chosen few when it was convenient.

Vote for Dan Burgess Seat (A) Okmulgee County.

VOTE!

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**COUNCIL CANDIDATES...****-SEAT B-****CLIFTON F. HILL**

He is a candidate for the National Council, Okmulgee District, Seat B. He was born and raised at Okemah, OK. He is a member of the Bear Clan. He is married to former Betty Buckley. They have three sons: Nathaniel A. Hill, who is working on a masters degree at Berkley University in California; Wilburn Hill, who is studying communications and minor religion; and Clifton Christopher Hill, second year at OSU studying Business Management.

Mr. Hill is full-blood Creek Indian, and speaks both Creek and English fluently. He has advocated for free elections for the 5 Tribes, especially for the Muscogee Nation 1960-1970, and legislation was passed in 1970 for free election for first time.

From 1960 to 1970 he was chairman of one of the Greatest Muskogee Movement, also international evangelist for Native Americans for the United States, Mexico and Canada.

In 1988 he became a member of the Creek Nation Supreme Court for a period.

He is on the Steering Committee of the Economical Conference in Canada, headquartered at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He is a member of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church of Okmulgee County and a member of the newly reorganized Deep Fork Arbeka Tribal Town in Okemah.

"I am full blood Muscogee Creek tribe. I can be a benefit to Muscogee Creek tribe. I will appreciate your help. Vote for me. If I am elected I will work for those who vote for me or against me."

*(Incumbent)***THOMAS P. BERRYHILL**

Fellow Citizens - It is an honor to have this opportunity to address you concerning the upcoming council election.

I am Thomas P. Berryhill serving as councilman from the Okmulgee District, also serving as spiritual advisor to the Este Mvskokulke Political Party. I am affiliated with Abeka Tulledege Ceremonial Grounds and I am of the Aligator Clan. My father is Thomas E. Berryhill who attends Honey Creek Methodist Church. My mother is the late Blanche (Blande) Berryhill.

Your vote has granted me the high privilege of serving you, the Muscogee People, in legislative matters this past term. Being a member of the Community Services Committee has enabled me to view closely and participate in legislation to serve needs such as elderly nutrition, Indian child welfare, health, dental, clothing, youth programs and other social service needs.

At present, legislation for water and sewer grants to ceremonial grounds and churches is being implemented by myself with the Division of Community Services and the National Council. It is my conviction that the contribution of our Cultural Heritage is beyond natural value to the Mvskoke People and should be preserved and established for the sake of true tribal continuity.

Vitally important to us all is the inevitable aspect of the future of our tribe. Being a student of prophecy, I have witnessed the trends of the United States Government and our own government in the light of prophecy. Preparation for the future lies in an innovative natural resources plan that will insure tribal continuity. Your vote has allowed the groundwork idea for such a plan to be shared with the majority of the present Council. The result of this plan will be legislation that will give renewed purpose to tribal continuity.

Tribal continuity embraces all aspects of betterment to the people.

The Council people vote on matters that affect all tribal citizens. In talking daily with citizens one is overwhelmed with the concern of citizens is all sectors. I have purposed to insure stability and development of all district communities and in so doing I have sensed a spirit of determination arising in the People in grassroots sectors. It is said when the Fire goes out, those people cease to be. It will be my task to not allow the Fire to be extinguished. I speak of the power for betterment, continuity and unity.

I will continue to work for practical progress in the area of: Economic Development; Educational-Cultural Development; Natural Resources Development; Spiritual-Cultural Development (which is vital to true continuity) and Social Services-health services, child welfare, elderly, etc.

Two years of valuable experience has witnessed high precedents set in tribal government for the betterment of our Muscogee People. For continuity, vote for Thomas P. Berryhill - Seat B - Okmulgee District. Mvto!

-SEAT C-*(Incumbent)***BARTON A. WILLIAMS**

Hello Creek Citizens, I am Barton Williams, Okmulgee District Council member. My parents are Irvin and Alice (Wesley) Williams. I am married to Rita (Berryhill) Williams whose parents are Tom Berryhill and the late Blanche Berryhill. We have one son, Shawn, who is attending Haskell Indian Jr. College.

I am a Viet Nam Veteran and have served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade (infantry) while in Viet Nam.

Currently I am employed with the Okmulgee County Sheriffs department as a deputy.

I have served as Okmulgee Representative for the past 4 years and have become adequately knowledgeable of how our government should work. I have always been a strong supporter for the welfare of our elderly and youth.

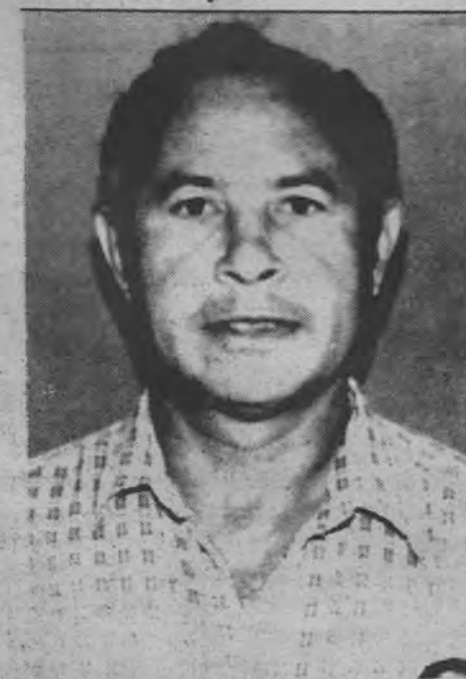
Over the past two years I have submitted different bills from which the youth and elderly have benefited. I have also submitted different bills that would bring employment to our tribe.

I sit on the Human Development Committee, which deals with education and I am the Vice-President of the Fact Finding Committee, which was formed to investigate irregularities in government and citizens complaints. This Fact Finding Committee has proven to be a credible entity.

At present I am working on getting a federal prison built at no cost to the tribe. If I am successful, this prison will employ 100 people and will bring in approximately 10 million dollars the first year to this area.

Among the many nation wide problems facing us today is the never ending battle against drugs and alcohol. Sadly to say, substance abuse is no respecter of persons or race of people. I see Indian youth incarcerated daily due to alcohol and drugs and have transported many to mental institutions whose minds will never be the same. As a tribal representative and law enforcement officer, I see a great need for our tribe to address the real issues of this problem and make this a top priority.

I urge you as tribal citizens to get out and vote - a right no man can take from you.

**CHARLIE LITSEY**

Charlie Litsey will be a candidate for Okmulgee District Council Seat C. Charlie is one half Creek Indian. He is the son of Sid Litsey and the late Katie Fish Litsey of Henryetta,

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NATIONAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Gary Robinson

NATIONAL COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

A Special Session of the National Council was held September 20, 1989 to consider four agenda items, consisting of two bills and two resolutions.

The first bill, introduced by Speaker Kenneth Childers, was the Hospital Shortfall Act, NC 89-140. This bill addresses the \$250,000 budget deficit in the Creek Nation hospital operations for the current fiscal year, as reported by the Hospital and Clinics Board. The bill was passed unanimously by the Council, appropriating \$250,000 from bingo revenues to be expended by the Hospital and Clinics Board.

The second bill, introduced by Rep. Ed Frye, was a bill entitled "Placing A Tribal Question Before the Creek Voters For A Referendum Vote." The bill addresses the

complex issue of Class III gaming operations which Indian tribes are allowed to enter according to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The question that the bill would have placed before Creek voters is, "Should the Muscogee (Creek) Nation enter into Class III gaming operations as provided in the National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988?" The bill did not pass, partly because several Council members felt that Creek voters needed time to be educated about what Class III gaming is. Others did not think that a referendum was necessary, because the Council was empowered to legislate on the matter as it did when the tribe's bingo operations were started.

The Council vote was 13 against, 6 in favor and 2 abstentions by Barton Williams and Harvey Gilroy.

The third agenda item was a Council Resolution defining the

Tribal Attorney's role in the settlement of disputes and litigation between the branches of the government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Section 102 of the resolution states: "...the Tribal Attorney (Greg Bigler) will maintain a position of neutrality, and issue only opinions and legal advice to branches of government and not intervene nor enjoin in any litigation between branches of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

The resolution passed unanimously.

The final item on the agenda was consideration of another resolution agreeing to co-sponsor and support a statewide Oklahoma Indian Economic Development Conference to be held in Okmulgee in December. The resolution specifies that tribal staff and resources shall be provided for the planning and implementation of this conference.

The resolution was passed with a vote of 19 to 1.

BOARD MEETING... (Continued from Page 3)

hospital were discussed briefly but were to be discussed in detail at an Executive Session on the close of the meeting.

Next, agenda items pertaining to consideration of Medicare statements and signature for a denial letter were discussed. The question arose as to who was to sign denial letters (those letters sent to patients who cannot be served by the CN hospital, for various reasons).

Agenda item number 4F involved CHS (Contract Health Services) Responsibilities with a letter discussed from Laura Mackey about the future needs of CHS and how the Health Board expects the job responsibilities to be accomplished.

Agenda items 4G- Rules and Regulations of Medical Staff and By-laws for Medical Staff were to be discussed at an upcoming special meeting. It was reported that the new regulations were written by Sue Fields, with Mrs. Crow again emphasizing that all future contracts with consultants would have to be requested in writing before the consulting work is accomplished.

A review of the proposed budget for IHS funding (three month extension) for the current fiscal year was discussed. The meeting then went into Executive Session for discussion of possible litigation with Greg Bigler, tribal attorney.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL:

This is a message to the Creek Citizens from the Speaker of the National Council.

I feel after 10 years the Creek Nation Constitution is now achieving its ratification. That being: the checks and balances of the Creek Nation Government. As we all know, the National Council Election time is here again. The accomplishments of the current National Council are many. One of the utmost improvements is the accountability of your Creek Nation monies. This has not been totally accomplished, however, inroads have been made.

A few examples are these: Creek Nation Festival Committee-Prior to 1988 the Festival Committee members were, as a whole, Creek Nation employees. The National Council would appropriate on an average of \$40,000 every year for the Creek Nation Festival. No one ever accounted for the expenditures of that appropriation. Now the Festival Committee members are appointed by the Chief and confirmed by the National Council and make reports to the Council. The Committee has the authority to lease the Omniplex for additional revenue for upkeep and expenses of the Festival and they do a remarkable job.

Three former members (employees) have since left Creek Nation employment for reasons unknown. However, they would not or could not answer questions concerning prior Festival appropriations.

Another example is the Creek Nation Medical Services. At one time Indian Health Services stated Creek Nation owed \$800,000 to IHS on four unallowable costs. Creek Nation Administration wanted to hire

attorneys at a rate of around \$70,000 to sue the Indian Health Service. National Council and current Hospital and Clinics Board working with IHS finally received documentation from Creek Nation Administration and were able to clear up this issue up to the year 1985, without the \$70,000+ attorney costs.

The last example I wish to mention is the Conflict of Interest case published elsewhere in this paper. This case surfaced when the National Council was working on the IHS issue.

The accomplishments of the

current National Council could go on to much length. After my election as Speaker for the National Council, I asked that we be known as a "Working Council." This I can truly say has been achieved. The National Council voting record is published each month in the Muscogee Nation News. I hope you as a Creek voter take into consideration: "did your incumbent Council Representative achieve to your expectation?" before you cast your vote.

Respectfully,
Kenneth L. Childers

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evidence that suggests such action took place. I do not know if such evidence was provided during the court case since I was not allowed to sit in the courtroom while the proceedings were taking place.

Ms. Crow also stated during our Health Board Meeting she had contacted the State Corporation Commission who told her the two companies, Preferred and Primax, had been formed within one week of one another. This information later proved to be not true. She also spelled out an overlap of the board members of these two corporations. There were numerous other allegations made by Ms. Crow which she did not have documentation for at that time. She said it was being sent to her. My main concern and comment to her at that meeting was "You need this documentation to back up what you are saying before you do anything." To my knowledge, she produced very little hard

data to prove her allegations made during the Sapulpa meeting.

I could go on about that particular March 9th meeting of the Health Board, however, I feel it is important to emphasize a significant point contained within this letter....that point being that hearsay conversation taken from courtroom testimony is being used as evidence in our court system. I also see a conflicting pattern being established by Judge Moore regarding hearsay testimony because just last week, in a different court case involving the Oklahoma City Indian Community versus the National Council, he would not allow the Oklahoma City group to submit hearsay testimony of what the Okmulgee Postmaster and the Okmulgee Sheriff told their group regarding changes in our election procedures.

I am not stating that Judge Moore's decision he rendered in the Breshears case is right or

wrong, or would be any different without this hearsay evidence. I just want to call attention to the fact that hearsay evidence is usually inadmissible as testimony, and I question the motives of Judge Patrick Moore for allowing this to occur and using such quotes in his decision-making process.

The Creek Nation is funding vast sums of money (\$178,974 in FY 89 and proposed \$209,273 for FY 90) to build a sound, strong judicial system that will protect the interests, stability, security and welfare of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. And in doing so, that system should be fair, unbiased, unprejudiced, and impartial. Let's make sure it stays that way.

Sincerely,
Vicki J. Carpenter
Director, Division of Community Services



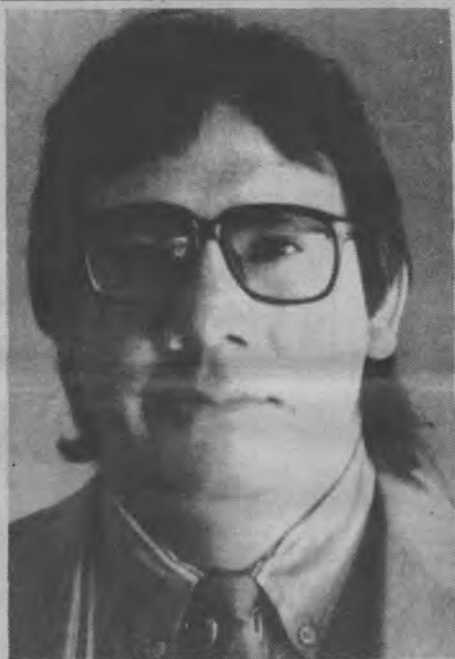
**COUNCIL CANDIDATES...****(Continued from Page 5)****Candidate Litsey...**

and the grandson of Little Fish, also of Henryetta.

Charlie has been a resident of Okmulgee County all his life, attending school in the rural communities of Bryant and Pharoah.

He was employed at A.S.G. Industries for 25 years and is currently employed at OSU Tech. He and his wife live in Okmulgee. He has served two terms on the Citizenship Board Committee and has been an active member of the Okmulgee Indian Community Center for several years.

Charlie's goal is to work with the Chief, the Council and all the people of the Creek Nation. Health, Jobs, Education and Housing must continue on for the welfare of the Creek Nation.

**FLOYD JONES**

My name is Floyd Jones and I'm running for Seat C, Okmulgee District of the National Council.

I am Executive Director of the Okmulgee County/Creek Nation CASA Project. My program does juvenile Court investigations for child abuse, so consequently, I am interested in providing stabilized programs for youth and building a strong judicial court system that provides protection for our citizens.

I am currently active on the JOM Committee at Morris Public Schools, Community Development, Vice-President of the Okmulgee Jaycees, and State Wide Training Director for the Oklahoma CASA Association. I also am a Board member of the Okmulgee County Red Cross Disaster Board.

I feel with my background and my involvement in tribal matters would allow to be a viable candidate for the National Council.

If you share those feelings, I ask for your support on October 28.

-SEAT D-**(Incumbent)
(Unopposed)****GEORGE ALMERIGI**

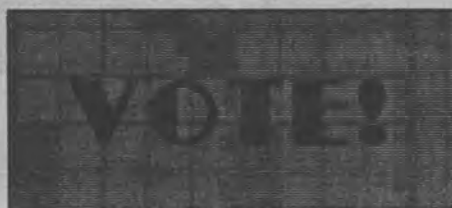
I take this opportunity to thank all the Creek people who voted for me in the previous election for the privilege and honor that it has been to serve as Elected Representative to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Council for Okmulgee District, Mvto.

I am 55 years old, one-half Creek, descendant of alligator clan, Cussetah tribal town. Married to Normal Almerigi for 32 years and reside on a farm south of Okmulgee.

I am presently serving a second term as president of Wilson Indian Community. During this year Wilson Indian Community built a Community Center building, started a licensed DayCare Program and will soon open a convenience store.

I am an attorney with law offices in Okmulgee. During the past 21 months, next to practicing law, service to the Creek Nation as a Council member has been a high priority in my life. Seldom does anything keep me from attending council and committee meetings.

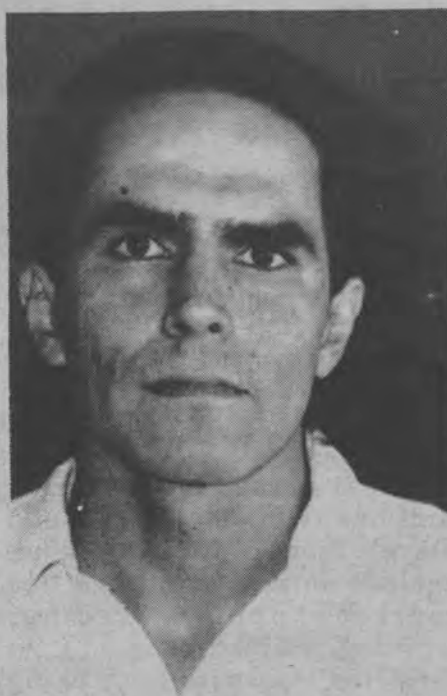
I want to serve another term as Council member because I now have actual experience as representative and find it a challenge. I vote for what I believe is in the best interest of the Creek people as a whole, and hope that I do the most good for the most people.

**-SEAT E-****(Incumbent)****LEAH STACY**

Ms. Stacy is from Okmulgee and is retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Okmulgee Agency, after twenty-seven years of service with two years of experience as Secretary to the Haskell Institute's Superintendent. She was a Vocational Education Development Specialist with the Bureau.

She has served six years on the National Council and for four years as Chairman of the Business and Governmental Affairs Committee. She has two grown children, Richard of Texas and Jerry of the home.

I ask for all Okmulgee District voters to exercise this right and am asking you to vote for me on October 28. I appreciate your support and will continue to put the Creek people's need as a first priority.

**TONY HALE, SR.**

I have given a lot of thought and

much prayer to my decision to run as tribal representative for the Okmulgee District, Seat E. I am a family man as well as a businessman and the two are very important to me and require a lot of time which I feel is necessary to be successful.

I am also a citizen of the Creek Tribe and, therefore, am concerned with the future of the Creek Nation. Federal funds are being cut back with regularity. What will we do and how will we be able to take care of our people. We need to think about these issues as well as creating jobs for the unemployed. The main topic for consideration is economic development to generate some financial base to build on.

I am a grandson of the late Bennie Lewis Harjo and Lonie Givens Harjo. Their lives were cut short because of illnesses and sicknesses that is easily cured today. Our people today have access to health facilities which has been provided by far thinking people who planned for the future that is ours today. Let us build on what we have today for those who will follow us, our children and grandchildren.

I am married to Debbie (Lunsford) Hale and have two sons, Tony Jr., 11, and Mark Adam, 8. I serve as Vice-President on the Okmulgee School Board and am a member of the Advisory Board of the OSU Tech Automotive Dept.

Wagoner District**-SEAT A-****(Incumbent)****ALEXANDER THOMAS**

Mr. Thomas serves on the Tribal Affairs Committee and has served three terms as a Wagoner District Council Representative.

Mr. Thomas is a veteran of World War II. Several of his accomplishments are: the Elderly Nutrition Program at Koweta, a smokeshop at Koweta, a \$21,000 stock increase grant for the Koweta smokeshop. Also, he has worked with County Commissioner to improve the road to Koweta Community Center, the road to Broken Arrow Indian Church and access road from Porter Community to Indian hospitals.

Mr. Thomas appreciates your support and vote.

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COUNCIL CANDIDATES...

NOTICE TO VOTERS-

The Election Board's Post Office Box, 1298, was closed during the mail out for absentee requests. It was reopened on September 11. We will be mailing out requests to those absentee voters whose requests were not received by the close of the business day, September 21, 1989. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. CN Election Board

VOTE!

RICHARD M. BERRYHILL

Richard (better known as Mike) is the son of the late Samuel Berryhill and Viola Berryhill. He graduated from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas and is currently employed in Tulsa as a computer adjuster.

Mike has continuously served as an officer of the Koweta Indian Community Center and is currently the president. He and his wife, Wilma, have untiringly supported and contributed their leadership and time to the Center since its opening.

Mike is an avid fisherman and is also a great sports fan.

Overall, Mike's objective of seeking an opportunity to represent the Wagoner District (Seat A) through the Creek National Council is to assist and support his people on an equal basis.

-SEAT B-



(Incumbent)

THURSTON PRIMEAUX

Mickey Thurston Primeaux has served on the Council for two terms. He serves on the Business and Governmental Committee, Sergeant of Arms, Vice-President of the Coweta Indian Education Parent Committee.

I serve on the Coweta Metropolitan Planning Commission and also as Vice-President of the Muskogee Indian Credit

Association.

In the Wagoner District, I was instrumental in setting up the Smoke Shop and increasing the stock.

I have been working with the Wagoner County Commissioner to fix the county roads to the Coweta Indian Community Center. Also to repair the road to the Broken Arrow Indian Church.

I worked with the County Commissioner of the Mayor of Porter to get an access road from Porter to the Indian Hospital.

I am looking forward to another term to serve my people and achieve my goal of ongoing Indian Community in the Indian Community Center at Coweta. Thank You.



HELEN I. DUNCAN

Helen, who is a descendant of the late Chief Pleasant Porter, is the daughter of Clarence B. Haynes and Marie M. Crittenden. She graduated from Tulsa Central High School, Draughtons School of Business and majored in Business at the Tulsa Junior College.

Helen has been employed with the Shell Oil Company in Tulsa for 17 and half years and is the graphics/forms designer. Also, she has served as the Manager of the Koweta Smoke Shop since its opening in December, 1987. Prior to her employment with Shell, she worked for the Air Force Department at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

She is married to Jim Duncan and has two sons, Philip and David. Some of Helen's hobbies include antique stores and flea market shopping, reading, traveling, and bike riding.

Helen's purpose for seeking representation of the Wagoner District Seat B of the Creek National Council is to represent and serve the Creek People of her district both equally and fairly. She also feels it's important to

keep the people current of activities and events that are administered by the Creek National Council that may affect our everyday lives.



WILLIS C. BELL

Willis C. Bell is a candidate for Wagoner District Representative Seat B. Retired. Belonged to the Plumbers and pipe-fitters local union 205 for 35 years.

I owned and operated two small businesses. I was also a home builder and real estate agent.

I am interested in the well being of everyone in the community. I will be there to help, and I appreciate everyone's vote.

McIntosh District

-SEAT A-



Incumbent

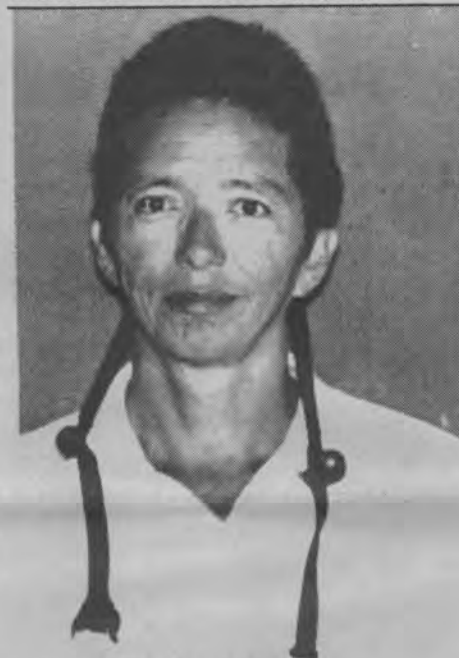
TOMMY NEWTON

I, Tommy Newton, would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy to the tribal citizens of McIntosh County.

I am seeking re-election to the Muskogee National Council Seat A as the McIntosh District Representative for my second term of office.

During the past two years, I have enjoyed working with the tribal citizens throughout

McIntosh County as well as all of Creek Nation. McIntosh District has been very successful these past two years. As for getting appropriations for the District, a newly-constructed community center for Yardeka Indian Community and one to be built in the very near future for Hanna Indian Community, two very prosperous bingo halls and smoke shops at Checotah and Eufaula. Also during my term of office, I enacted legislation for letting tribal citizens harvest pecans and cut wood on some tribal property in and around the Hanna area. Once again, I come before you, asking for your continued support in the upcoming election. Best wishes to McIntosh District.



VERN COURTWRIGHT

My name is Vern Courtwright, I'm 40 years old, self-employed, been married for 16 years and have a teenage daughter. I'm a Vietnam-era Veteran, volunteer firefighter in my community of Onapa and an avid outdoorsman.

Prior to running my own business, I spent six years in the Administrative Branch of the B.I.A. and have numerous college hours in Business Administration, which I believe provide a foundation for dealing with issues which the Tribe will be facing in the future. The Tribe has helped me and my family a lot...and I feel I can help the Tribe, with the support of voters in the McIntosh Dist.

I'm concerned that the quality of Health Care available to the Muskogee people has been steadily deteriorating over the years, even though I know our present administration has worked hard and subsidized our clinic in Eufaula, because they didn't have enough money to complete the fiscal year.

I want to bring jobs and
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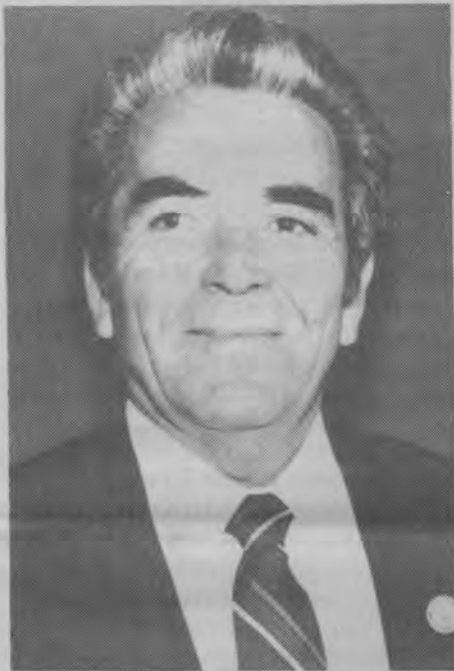
COUNCIL CANDIDATES...

Candidate Courtwright...

business to this area so people won't have to leave to find better or higher paying work. Even if it means creating and developing those businesses ourselves, as a Tribe.

I would consider it a great Honor and an awesome responsibility to be elected to our Tribal Council, and will, to the best of my ability, do the best I can, to relay the wishes of the people in my community to the Tribe in Okmulgee and to in turn, keep them informed of current affairs of the Tribe.

-SEAT B-



Incumbent

FRANK KAMP

I am seeking re-election to my third term as McIntosh District Representative to the Muskogee (Creek) National Council. In 1985 when I first asked for your support in an election, I told you that I would work to create employment for Creek people of the District. Since then I have written legislation which has created employment for approximately sixty Creek people in McIntosh District.

In addition to creating employment this has provided a source of income to the Eufaula and Checotah communities and to the Creek Nation. The Eufaula and Checotah Bingo and Smokeshop operations have returned to the Creek Nation in tobacco taxes and bingo profit shares \$219,736.22. In addition, to monies paid to the Creek Nation by the communities, the communities have also had a source of income and have been able to develop and fund community-developed programs.

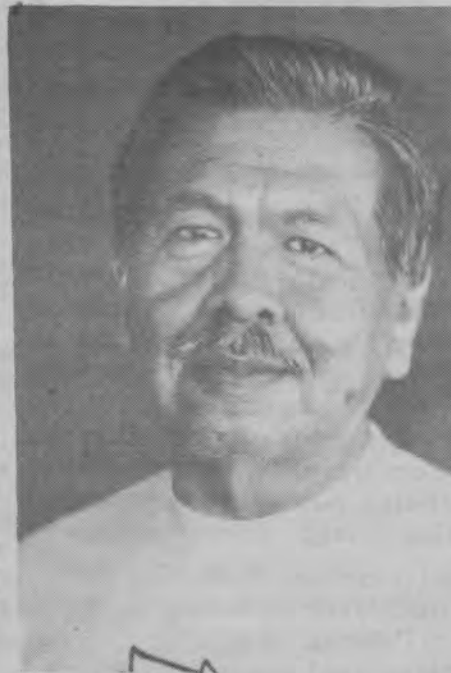
During the planning stage for the Eufaula Smokeshop, I was a member of the Community Board

and was instrumental in providing Smokeshop employees with more than minimum wages. I was Chairman of the Eufaula Community at the time Eufaula Bingo operation was being planned and when it opened. Again, I was instrumental in assuring that Eufaula Community Bingo employees were paid more than minimum wages and assuring that all the smokeshop and bingo employees would have a personnel policy that would insure them of fair treatment as employees. I wrote the legislation which provided Checotah Community with funding to start their Bingo and Smokeshop operation, both of which are now profitable operation. In 1988 I assisted Hanna Community in their reorganization and was a strong supporter of legislation which has been passed that will provide Hanna Community with a new Community Center. I also supported legislation which provided Ryal Community with their new Community Center.

The Creek Nation Election Board closed polling places in Dustin, Ryal and Hanna before the 1985 tribal elections which created a severe hardship on Creek citizens by forcing them to travel long distances in order to vote in tribal elections. I wrote the legislation which was passed by the National Council, and re-opened the polling places which had been closed.

In 1988 the members of the National Council elected me to serve as the Second Speaker of the Council. I have served four years on the National Council Business and Governmental Services Committee. I wrote the legislation which created the National Council Investigative and Fact Finding Committee and was made Chairman of that committee. In addition to working for McIntosh District during the last four years I have written and supported legislation which has benefited the entire Creek Nation. I am retired and able to devote my full time to being an effective Representative for McIntosh District and for the Muskogee (Creek) Nation. I will sincerely appreciate your support in my re-election and pledge to continue to work for the Creek People of McIntosh District and for the Muskogee (Creek) Nation.

VOTE!



EZIEL HARJO

(Candidate for McIntosh District, Seat B)

As a full-blood Creek citizen, I have lived in the McIntosh area all my life, particularly in the Yardeka community. I have attended various colleges and state universities, and I speak our language fluently, and feel I am able to bring fair representation to all members of our tribe.

It is time we stop the political infighting which has stalled economic development and other much needed services.

A vote for Eziel Harjo will be a vote for unity and cooperation in tribal government.

-SEAT C-



Incumbent
(Unopposed)

SANDY MCINTOSH

I am in my sixth year as representative and I serve as Chairman of the Tribal Affairs Committee. This committee is concerned with real property, comprehensive planning, leasing, economic development, and law

enforcement among other things. I was elected to the Stidham School Board this past winter.

-SEAT D-

TOMMY O. PICKERING
(Unopposed)



Muskogee District

-SEAT A-



Incumbent
(Unopposed)

HELEN L. CHUPCO

Helen L. Chupco is seeking re-election for sixth term as Muskogee District Representative to National Council of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation. She has many years of experience in tribal affairs, a proven and dedicated leader. Her experience and training has given her knowledge of her responsibilities.

She will continue to support and promote health and welfare programs for the Creek people. She says "We need aggressive approach to economic development utilizing our tribal resources and I would support such legislation."

For the past six years she has served as Chairman of the Community Services Committee. She is the wife of retired Methodist minister Lee L. Chupco and employed with the Muskogee Public Schools for the past nine years.

If elected again she will continue to work for you, relate your needs and concerns to tribal administration. She seeks your vote in the upcoming election on October 28, 1989. MVTO!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

THIRD ANNUAL EUFAULA POW-WOW

An estimated 5,000 people plus attended the Third Annual Eufaula Indian Community Pow-Wow Labor Day Weekend.

Participants and contestants from New Mexico, Kansas, Texas, California, Arkansas and Missouri attended this year's gathering.

An estimated 20 tribes gathered for the three-day event. The weather cooperated throughout the duration of the pow-wow but the program was delayed due to morning rains. Sunny skies were helpful in drying the ground for the contests held every night. The tiny tots exhibition was on Saturday night with six tiny tots performing early in the program. Jr. Division (girls and boys between the ages of 7-15 years). The following are the results of the 1989 E.I.C. Pow-Wow.

Jr. Boys

1st-Jeff McClellan
2nd-Michael Paul Pahsetopah
3rd-Jason Panther

Jr. Boys Straight/Traditional

1st-Antoine LeClair
2nd-Vance Horsechief
3rd-Greg Victors

Senoir Women's Cloth

1st-Danielle Sigwig
2nd-Lori Murray
3rd-Alicia Grant

Senior Women's Buckskin

1st-Laura Sigwig
2nd-Claudia Spicer
3rd-Thomasine Moore

Senior Women's Northern Shawl

1st-Mary Thomas
2nd-Jennifer Alley
3rd-Danita Cornelison

Senior Men's Straight

1st-Vance Horsechief
2nd-Bruce Thomas
3rd-Joe Tefertiller

Senior Men's Traditional

1st-Norman Newrider
2nd-Damon Roughface
3rd-Vincent Longhorn

Senior Men's Fancy

1st-Lloyd Gwin
2nd-Graham Primeaux
3rd-Don Murray

According to program director Jon Tiger, many of these talented dancers travel all over the U.S. attending pow-wows and other Indian doings. There were four tribal princesses from other tribes in attendance including the Red Earth Princess.

Many food concessions selling beans, Indian tacos, fried bread, sofky and more were an excellent addition to the event. Arts and crafts with a variety of handmade items are always a big part of a pow-wow.

Tiger said, "We had many good compliments on the pow-wow and many said they would return next year." Overall the pow-wow was a success, Tiger reported.

Some of those persons and merchants the Pow-wow Committee would like to thank are: the city of Eufaula, Ira Mann, Randy Ledford, Henry Baker, Commander Allen Mayhar, Creek Nation Head Start, JM's Restaurant, Brand-N-Iron Restaurant, the Pizza Shoppe, Poppa J's and all the art and crafts and concessionaires who sat up and helped make it a success.

Plans are already under way for next year's pow-wow.



HANNA COMMUNITY NEWS

The Hanna Indian Community sponsored a Taco Stand during the seventh annual Hanna Watermelon Festival on August 5. Also, the Hanna youth sponsored: a tricycle relay race, three-legged relay race, watermelon eating contest and a watermelon seed spitting contest. There were First, Second and Third Place ribbons given out.

Hanna Community had their regular monthly meeting on August and September 6. Starting in October, the Hanna Indian Community will start selling chances on baskets of groceries, to raise money for the community and their building. The drawing will be on Hanna Indian Community Thanksgiving Dinner in November.

OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

The Okmulgee Indian Community held their monthly meeting on September 11. After a meal of Indian Tacos prepared by Kelly and Carol Tiger, which the Community would like to thank them for their work, chairman Matt Tiger opened the meeting. Mrs. Lilly Cox gave the Invocation.

Secretary Etta Checotah read the minutes of the last monthly meeting and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Vickie Watashe read the financial report and the report was approved.

The Okmulgee Indian Community voted to proceed with establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program for the Cox Addition, the streets being Creek Drive, Creek Place, Yuchi Drive and Indian Lane.

Signatures were taken for the petition discussed at the last monthly meeting. Chairman Tiger sent a memo to the Okmulgee Representatives for a report on their activities and at the time of the meeting there was no response yet.

Also discussed was getting the people registered to vote. The Okmulgee Community will provide transportation to the polls.

Charlie Litsey announced that he will be a candidate for the Okmulgee County Representative. Good Luck Mr. Litsey.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Lilly Cox and Rita Chalakee.

Chiquita McNac suggested that the Okmulgee Indian community's anniversary be celebrated with a dinner at the next monthly meeting which will be October 9th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish and the Okmulgee Community will provide the meat, bread, and drinks.

Visitors in attendance were Rev. Floyd Peters and his family, Paul Benson and his sister, and Mr. and Mrs. George Almerigi.

Benediction was given by Rev. Floyd Peters, Pastor of Newtown Methodist Church. After the meeting adjourned, Bingo and a cake walk was held. We hope to see you at the Anniversary Dinner.

Labor Day Reunion Well-Attended-

A time of fellowship, reminiscing, old photo albums set up, horse shoes, volleyball and softball and special guests, "the Eastman Gospel Singers" and a variety of delicious food was enjoyed by all.

Labor Day has been set for yearly event in Wetumka at the Indian Community center. If you are a relative of the late Louis and Mandy Marshall families, we urge you to come and join the yearly event.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday congratulations to Vanessa Renae Grayson, daughter of Josephine Walton and Nolan Grayson of Okmulgee. Vanessa celebrated her second birthday on August 11th with Cookout. Relatives and friends were there to wish her a Happy Birthday. Grandparents are Rosie and Leonard Berryhill of Okmulgee; Susan Grayson of Preston, and Tommy Joe Grayson, Sr. of Natura.

New Videos from Creek Nation Now Available-

Just released are several new videos available through Creek Nation Communications- they are: The CN Youth Council Project (7 minutes); Together We Will Conquer: Substance Abuse Conference Report (11 minutes); and The Mark of Excellence: American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame (12 minutes); and Improving the Health of American Indians, with Dr. Everett Rhoades (40 minutes). Call 918-756-8700 ext. 310 for further information.

The tapes can be purchased for \$12.50 per tape.

-MNN DEADLINE-

The deadline for the Muscogee Nation News for the November issue is Friday, October 20th.

CREEK PLAYS BASKETBALL FOR BACONE COLLEGE

Among the twenty-eight (28) Creek Nation students currently at Bacone is Michael Manley. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Manley, Michael has made the Bacone College basketball team. Formerly from Weleetka High School, he caught the attention of Bacone college coach, Carl Scott, with his aggressive play during the state playoffs.

Averaging 13.5 points per game and nearly 7 rebounds while in high school, this 6'2" freshman will be a welcome addition to the Bacone campus.



CALENDAR

OILS Schedule-

The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) will be at Creek Nation the first Thursday of each month to discuss legal problems. They do not handle criminal cases. You can make an appointment by calling the OILS office at 1-800-759-0805. OILS will be at Creek Nation on the following dates:

October 5- November 2- and December 7

Women's Symposium Oct. 4-7, Tahlequah

A Women's Symposium will be held at the Western Hills Guest Ranch, Tahlequah, OK October 4-7 featuring Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Joy Harjo, Joan Jensen, Wilma Mankiller, Molly Yard, Rayna Green and more.

The Symposium theme is: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Thoughts for a New Generation."

The event is being sponsored by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with support from Oklahoma Women in the Arts, Tulsa, OK YWCA and Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

Watch for more details. Call Sandy Long, 918-458-0577 or 918-456-0671 ext. 311.

Haskell Alumni Association Reunion Set October 6-7

There will be a Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma Reunion October 6,7, at the Marriot Hotel in Tulsa, located at 10918 E. 41st St. On October 6, there will be a Cookout at Hicks Park, 3443 S. Mingo Rd. Cost is \$2 per person and children 10 and under \$1. Also there will be a Crazy Hat Contest same time and place.

On October 7 there will be a Golf Tournament with tee-off time at 9 a.m. at Lafortune Park in Tulsa.

Contact Joyce Bear, President of the Alumni Association at 456-0776 or PO Box 1021, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464 or A.D. Partridge, 241-6878.

For the October 7, Luncheon Fashion Show, at the Marriot at 12:30 (cost \$10 per person) contact Barbara Shoemaker at 743-3049.

INDIAN TACO SALE-

There will be an Indian Taco Sale October 21 from 11 a.m.-? at the Billy Hooten Church Fellowship Hall in Oklahoma City at 2444 NW First Terrace.

The cost is \$3 adult and \$1.50 for children. The sale is being sponsored by the Hillabee Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome.

REVIVAL SCHEDULED

A Revival is scheduled of the Salt Creek UMC for November 1-3 with the Rev. Harvey Long, Phoenix, Arizona, Speaking.

ALL INDIAN HYMN SINGING

The Thlewahle Indian Baptist Church will host an all Indian Hymn singing, Saturday night, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and we would like for the visiting church group to sing specials along with individuals that will be called on the lead some Creek hymns.

Anyone who wishes to tape the singing are also welcome. Concession stand will be operated by the hosting church. Everyone come listen, sing and enjoy fellowship in praising the Lord in singing the old time Creek hymns.

Other tribes are welcome to come to sing their tribal hymns. Location is two and a half miles northeast of Dustin.



Obituaries

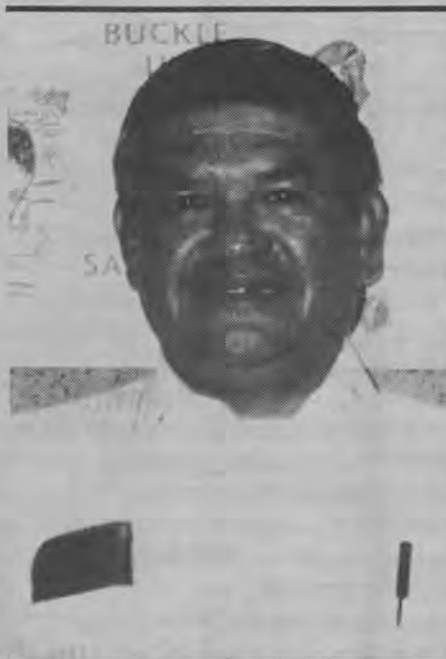
DAVID FRANCIS

David Francis, 71, of Eufaula died Saturday, August 26, 1989 at a Tulsa hospital. An Indian Song service was held August 28 at Artussee Church. Funeral services were held August 29 at Artussee Church under the direction of Blacks Funeral Home of Eufaula with the Rev. Amos Bean and the Rev. Morris Barnett officiating. Burial with military honors were performed by the Eufaula Lake VFW Post 8798 at Artussee Cemetery.

Mr. Francis was born November 22, 1917, at Eufaula, the son of Thomas and Christie Charty Francis. He attended school at Deeres Chapel and was a longtime Eufaula resident. He was a US Army Veteran of WW II. He served in the European Theater and was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

He was married to the former Nettie Pigeon Jan. 25, 1946, at Eufaula. She preceded him in death in 1987. He was retired from the McAlester Depot. He was assistant pastor of Artussee Church and a member of Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include one daughter Jemima Ann Davis, of Keota; four sons, Edmond Miller Birdcreek of Henryetta, David Dean Francis of Checotah, Robert Lee Francis of Hanna, and Dion Francis of Oklahoma City; five sisters, Polly Marshall of Eufaula, Betty McGirt of Eufaula, Irene Cricklin of Shawnee, Martha Phillips of Eufaula, Mattie Fields of Shawnee; one brother, William Francis, of Kansas City; 21 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



NEW CHR FOR TULSA DISTRICT

Jimmy Alexander has joined the Creek Nation Community Health Representative team as new CHR for the Tulsa District.

Mr. Alexander is originally from Tulsa and now resides in Glenpool with his family, wife Lorena and son Tony. Two grown children, Jimmie Carol and son Ricky are married with families of their own.

OBITUARIES...

GEORGE CLAY AUTAUBO

Services were held September 4, at 10 a.m. at the Word of Life Outreach for George Clay Autaubo. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery under the direction of the McClendon Funeral Home. Rev. George Moss officiated.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a lifelong resident of Okmulgee.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Autaubo, of the home; three sons, George Henry Autaubo, Rodney Autaubo, and Timothy Autaubo, all of Okmulgee; three daughters, Linda Chisholm, Adeline Sloma; and Evelyn McNew, all of Okmulgee; his father, Henry of Mountain View, OK; six brothers, Fred Autaubo of Oklahoma City, Vester of Apache, Larry Carneqick, Wendell Autaubo of Lawton, Cecil Autaubo, Apache, and Marty of Anadarko; three sisters, Carol Ellsworth, Phyllis Kotay and Marilyn Autaubo of Mountain View.

NOTE OF THANKS-

The Duck Creek Ceremonial Grounds would like to thank the Okmulgee Representatives, Barton Williams, Thomas Berryhill, Leah J. Stacy, George Almerigi and former Okmulgee Representative Bobby Hardridge for the pig they donated for the Green Corn Dance held July 1.



WILLIAM E. FOSTER

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m., September 25, for William E. Foster, at the Silver City Baptist Church with George Miller officiating assisted by Creek singers.

Interment was in the Brooks Cemetery, a mile from Mr. Foster's home.

Mr. Foster, 58, passed away Friday morning, September 22, of a massive heart attack, at his home in Jennings.

William E. Foster, who was the Commissioner of Gaming for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation since 1984, was born August 16, 1930 in Silver Springs, Oklahoma.

Mr. Foster also served as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association from 1988 until the present. His past association with various organizations included: Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (1986-88); Member of the National Association of Gambling Regulatory Agencies (1988-present); Member of the Executive Committee of the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma (1985-86); and member of the National Congress of American Indians (1985-present). He held a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education and Economics from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, in addition to graduate study at NSU.

Mr. Foster served as a Judge on the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, having been appointed by Principal Chief Cox (1981-84) and was the Commissioner of Labor with the State of Oklahoma (1975-79). He was a State Representative (District 69) from 1972-74 and was Administrative Assistant to former Gov. David L. Boren (1974-75).

He is survived by his wife Wanda of the home, three children, Eddie of Sapulpa, Eric of Ft. Worth, and Cindy Wichman of Tulsa; seven grandchildren and a half brother, Homer Foster.

Pallbearers were; Ed Frye, Ron Fixico, Don Crofut, Tim Harper, David Harjo and Nelson Johnson.

NOTICE TO ALL CREEKS IN OKC AREA

If you would like to help on the fundraising and be apart of the Christmas plans, let us know- we would be grateful for your help.

Send contributions to: Mrs. Alice Wood, 1950 Nixon Dr., Choctaw, OK 73020 or phone 405-391-2965.

OCMA Fundraising Committee



COUNCIL CANDIDATES...

-SEAT B-

Incumbent



Incumbent
(Unopposed)

HARLEY GENE LITTLE

Born in Bearden, Oklahoma, he was the child of the late Buster Little of Beardon and Nora Douglas Clark of Okmulgee, and was raised at Bacone College in Muskogee.

A veteran of the Korean War, he received degrees from Bacone College, Northeastern State University, and the University of Oklahoma.

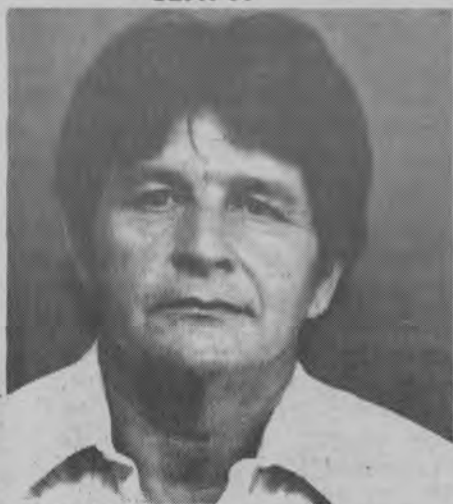
A former educator and administrator, he retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1983 after serving as an educational administrator at Jones Academy, Eufaula Dormitory, Carter Seminary, and was Dean of Students at Bacone College.

Later he served as the Budget Analyst for the Muskogee Area Office, Branch Chief of Tribal Operations, prior to being assigned to the Okmulgee Agency, as Agency Superintendent, before completing his tour at the Muskogee Area Office.

Having served for two terms as a district representative, he vows to continue a no frills- no deals campaign, with emphasis on the care and welfare of our Indian people, second to none. Secondly he will continue a strong emphasis on educational and economic programs for the benefit of all and not a few.

Creek District

-SEAT A-



ROY BEAR

My name is Roy Bear, I am 1/2 Creek Indian. I have lived in the Bristow area most of my life. My father's name is Roley Bear.

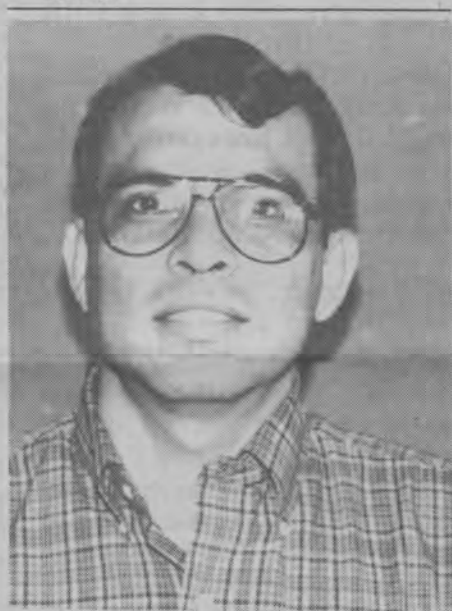
I am a post-graduate of Haskell Institute now Haskell Jr. College. I am presently employed with the Okmulgee County Highway Department.

Serving on the Community Services Committee which addresses the social needs of our people has been a rewarding experience, seeing immediate social needs of our people met will always be present.

My involvement with council and my priority shall be serving the people in my district and also all the Muskogee people.

Vote for Roy G. Bear, Seat A - Creek District.

Mvto!



EARL W. WHEELER

Earl W. Wheeler (Yuchi), currently the chairman of the Bristow Indian Community, has announced that he will seek the office of Rep. of Creek District, Seat A.

I live at Bristow and was reared by Alice Bucktrot Wheeler. My grandparents were Wysena Madison Bucktrot and Annie (Brown) Bucktrot. I am a member of Sandcreek Tribal Town and of Mutteloke Methodist Church of Bristow. I am father of four children, attended school at Gypsy and Depew, and served 4 years in USAF. Also, two and a half years college at Altus, OK. My military service disciplined me to serve and work with all kinds of people in different situations.

I served as committee member for 5 years for Title IV and six years as chairman of JOM Indian education. Organized and obtained charter for the Bristow Indian Community. Served as chairman 4 years. Creek District Rep. for two years.

As Representative I'll work with you to try and obtain your

goals. To keep a close communication with you and inform you on the state of the Creek Nation.

In closing I want to say that our Creek Nation's progress doesn't depend on how much we give to those who have abundance, but rather how much we give to those who have so little. Your vote for experienced and committed leadership will be appreciated. Mvto.



LARRY CAHWEE

Larry graduated from Kellyville High School in 1970, Bacone College in 1972 and Northeastern State University in 1985 with a BS degree in education. Larry is currently employed with the Kellyville Public School System where he serves as Director of the Johnson O'Malley Program, Coordinator for the Gifted and Talented Program, Student Council Advisor, Student Indian Club Advisor as well as teaching American Government and American History.

He has been employed with the Creek Nation Summer Youth Employment Program for the past 4 summers (1986-89). This has enabled him to become familiar with the workings of the Creek Nation Programs.

Larry has stated that he would like to see the Creek citizens better informed about the Educational opportunities and employment assistance opportunities for adults and graduating seniors that are available through the Higher Education Department and J.T.P.A.

Another area of interest to Larry is the Drug/Alcohol Program which provides for a full time counselor located at the Creek Nation hospital in Okemah. This program could be expanded to offer counseling to Creek citizens

in our public high schools, where drugs and alcohol are a major problem.

There is a definite need for local Indian communities to have senior citizens programs as well as other programs offered by the Creek Nation. While the administration and council members of Creek Nation are responsible and concerned about programs that will bring money into the tribe, which is good, let's not forget the average citizen who sometimes struggles from day to day, especially the senior citizens.

Creek District Seat A

-SEAT B-



Incumbent
(Unopposed)

ED PORTER FRYE

Two years ago the voters of the Creek District elected me to represent them in Seat "B", Creek District, on the National Council.

I wish to thank those supporters who made it possible for me to represent them and again would ask all of the voters in the Creek District to vote for me in the upcoming election.

My two years on the Council have been an enlightening experience and provided me the opportunity, first hand, to become acquainted with the problems of the Nation. Upon my election, I was appointed to the Human Development Committee and served for 9 months. In September of 1988 I was appointed to the Business and Government Committee and am presently serving in that capacity.

During my tenure on the Council, I have attempted to author and have adopted by ordinance, legislation which was beneficial to Creek Citizens and the Creek Nation. If re-elected I shall make every endeavor to see that all legislation passed by the National Council is for the best interest of all Creek Citizens, the Muskogee (Creek) Nation, and not for political benefit or special interests of any group or individual.

Thank you for your vote.

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**COUNCIL CANDIDATES...****-SEAT C-****CLARENCE CLOUD**

I am asking for your support to be elected as your Creek Nation councilman.

My wife, Lou and I have raised our three children on my father, David Cloud's allotted land. I am the son of Minnie Scott and David Cloud. I have seven grandchildren.

I believe I am familiar enough with the Creek Nation government to give you good representation.

I was educated at Chilocco Indian School. A member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 35 years and retired in 1981. I served as president for the Tulsa Local 584 for six consecutive years and executive board member for four years. Elective Delegate to two national conventions at Seattle and Atlantic City and numerous seminars.

Lou and I opened and operated the Democratic headquarters in Sapulpa, working with and for Jimmy Jones, David Boren and Ted Risenhoover.

I served on the Creek Nation Housing board for four years. I was appointed by Chief Cox to the Supreme Court and resigned when I was elected to the Creek Nation tribal council in 1981.

**BETTY J. FOSTER**

Candidate for Creek District Representative, Seat C.

I have served on the Muscogee (Creek) National Council for one term (185-1987) and a member of the Community Services Committee.

I attended and graduated from Sequoyah Indian School, Tahlequah, OK and Claremore Jr. College.

I live in Sapulpa with my two daughters, Sonya and LaDonna, who attend Sapulpa Jr. High.

Through the years, I have with the Title IV Indian Education as Student Advocate and Teacher for Sapulpa Head Start. (United Community Action Program.) Vice-Chairman for Title IV - Parent Committee; Also has held various offices in the Little Cussetah Indian Baptist Church, Sapulpa, OK.

I would like very much to serve the Creek District once again with the best of my ability. I am very interested with Health and Education for the young and elderly. I appreciate your vote not only for me, but for a candidate that will serve the District as well.

Thank you.

-SEAT D-*(Unopposed)***MOSE CAHWEЕ**

Mose Cahwee was born in Kellyville, OK, and lived in Sapulpa most of his life. He is of the Euchee Tribe. Mose states, "I am very concerned about the elderly and our youth, and I hope to improve programs in those areas with Senior Citizens Nutrition Programs, programs for the elderly and education program."

Mose has an extensive background of accomplishments in researching for programs for Indian people. He was

instrumental in establishing the Title IV Indian Education program in the Sapulpa area, in which he served 7 years as chairman on the Parent Committee. He also helped organize the Sapulpa Indian Community, in which he served 14 years as chairperson. During his tenure he helped develop classes for the Indian community such as: GED, typing, sewing, adult education and Creek/Euchee language. He was also instrumental in getting the Sapulpa Indian Clinic established in Sapulpa.

The list of his accomplishments goes on and on as he is always searching for ways to serve his Indian people in the Creek County area. Mose is known as a fair and respected man, as well as dependable.

Mose feels there is always ways for improvement, and if elected will strive for better representation for the people of Creek County.

Mose is an active member of the Picket Chapel United Indian Methodist Church in Sapulpa. He and his wife, Thelma, have seven children, whom all live in the Sapulpa area.

Okfuskee District**-SEAT A-***Incumbent***CLYDE "PRESS" JOHNSON**

I was born and raised in Okfuskee County, and have been married to the former Nadine Sizemore for 41 years. I am a Veteran of World War II.

I have represented the Okfuskee District for the last 4 years. I have always had the Creek people at heart. I would like to serve another term.

I have been against unnecessary spending, also against increases in benefits for the National Council. Also I have been against changes in the election code, including absentee ballots.

I would appreciate your support.

**BILL BURDEN**

I'm Bill Burden and running for seat A in the Okfuskee District. I would like to represent my people again. I stand on my previous record.

When in office before, I helped get the original allottees a one time sum to buy something extra for themselves. I also helped with a bill to buy children school clothes. I introduced a bill to pay for medical bills for Creek people that had been referred out to other doctors and clinics that these people could not pay. I started a bill to build restrooms for ceremonial grounds and churches.

I would appreciate your vote on October 28.

-SEAT B-**EUGENE BIRDCREEK**

Mr. Birdcreek was born and raised in Okfuskee County and has lived in Weleetka all his life.

He is employed by Okfuskee County District 3. He was previously employed by Creek Nation Housing Authority.

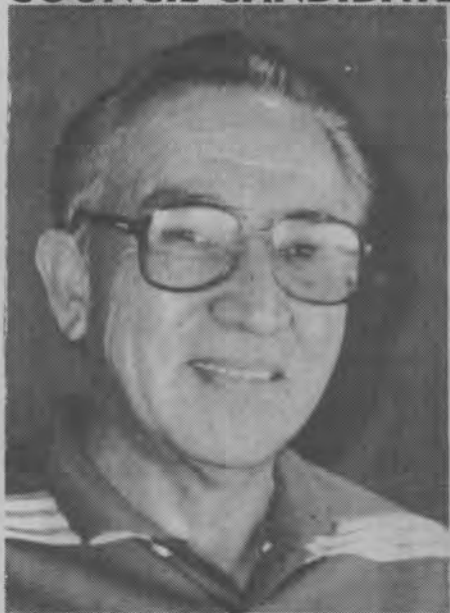
Mr. Birdcreek speaks the Creek language fluently. His goals are the betterment of employment, health care and education of the Creek citizens.

Okfuskee District Seat "B".

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COUNCIL CANDIDATES...



RONALD HARDIN

Born in Okfuskee County and attended school at Morris and Mason. He entered the USAF in 1947 with six years active duty including the Korean War. He returned to Oklahoma in 1954.

He retired from Tinker AFB in 1987 with 32 years. He now lives near Okemah Lake.

I am very much interested in the unemployment rate among our people, and will work to help with our young people.

-SEAT C-



HEPSIE MAE JACKSON

My name is Hepsie Mae Jackson nee Tiger from Okemah, Ok., daughter of Phillip Tiger and Anna Monday.

Received education in Oklahoma City Public schools and attended South Oklahoma City Jr. College. I have over 20 years experience in federal and state programs. Sixteen years working with and serving Indian people in areas of health education and employment programs, co-authored the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic and served on the Board for 12 years. Co-authored the United Urban Indian Association, prime sponsor of the American Indian Training and

Employment Program in Oklahoma City and Co-authored the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association in Oklahoma City.

I presently have been residing in Okemah, Oklahoma, and will utilize all my experience in advocating as a council member, for fair and equal government for ALL Creek people. I will make strong efforts to make sure our council is for the people and not a self-serving instrument. I will advocate for a judicial branch that will serve the people as it should and not certain segments of our government. I will advocate for council to follow its Constitution as well as be knowledgeable of it. I will support and introduce legislation that will benefit our Creek people and make sure our legislative body remains in legislation function and not in administration.

I will communicate with my constituency at all times and not just prior to election.

Okfuskee District Seat C.



DOROTHY BURDEN

Okfuskee District - Seat C. As a representative I will work for all the health care I can, because I believe that is priority, thru education for our youth.

-SEAT D-



WYNEMA JUDY ROBERTS

I am Wynema Roberts, also known as Judy, a candidate for Seat D in Okfuskee County. My parents are Caine Sr. and Stella Roberts of Okemah. I am 37 years old and was born and raised in the Nuyaka Indian Community. I attended Nuyaka High School and graduated in 1968. From there I went on to Droughon's School of Business where I graduated in Business. I am now attending the American Technical Institute in Muskogee and will be graduating in late October from Auto Mechanics.

I am a full-blood Creek Indian and can also understand and speak the language. I have worked in different areas within Creek Nation for the past 9 years.

My main concern is health care for all Creek Nation citizens and the high unemployment rate we have among Creek people. I feel we should stop looking back and start looking ahead to the future.

If elected I will voice my opinion and the opinions of my fellow citizens. We must work together in order to make the body of the Creek Nation stronger. I will try to devote most of my time and energy on finding out how we can bring in more new programs to the Creek Nation that can help Creek citizens from all areas.

Health care is one of the most important factors of the Creek Indians. As we all know we are not above getting sick or

becoming disabled. I feel we should work hard to preserve what we have now for our children and grandchildren. We must keep our tribe strong for their sake. So, maybe they will someday be just as proud of being a Creek citizen as I am.

I will try to attend as many community meetings as I possibly can to find out what your needs are. I hope you will all feel free to ask any questions about me or my abilities.

So in October I would very much appreciate your vote and support. Voting is one way you as Creek citizens can express your work or your feelings about what is going on within the Tribal Government. If you are not registered to vote, let's get out and do so now. If you are registered, let's not forget to get out and vote. We need you to get out and vote in order that we can make our Creek Tribe stronger and let people know we care about what happens within our Tribal Government. If you need more information about me or my campaign you can

contact me at the following address: Wynema (Judy) Roberts, Rt 3 Box 66, Okemah, OK. 74859

MARION VAN HARDIN
(No information available)



Incumbent

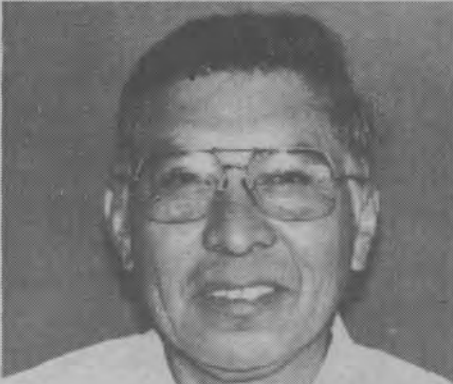
Bill Fife announces his candidacy for Seat D of the Okfuskee District as National Council Representative. He has served one term on the Council and he is a member of the Council's Human Development Committee. He resides in Weleetka with his family and is the son of James and the late Carmen Fife of Dustin.

Bill is a Vietnam Veteran, a graduate of Chilocco Indian School, Northeastern State University and the Oklahoma State University Technical Branch in Okmulgee. Currently, he is employed with the United States Postal Service in Okmulgee.

Fife has served as a professional consultant for various Indian organizations and was employed with the Tribe for ten years. He is an advocate on behalf of Creek people on issues such as employment, economic development, health care and education.

Employed with the Creek Nation for ten years, Fife has experience in the administration of federal grants and contracts and management of tribal operations. While employed with the tribe, he worked closely with the National Council, with organized tribal communities and with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Fife has testified before U.S. Congressional Committees considering Indian legislation, before the Federal Bar Association on behalf of the tribe and has attended meetings of the National Congress of American Indians and the National Tribal Chairman's Association on behalf of the Creek Nation.

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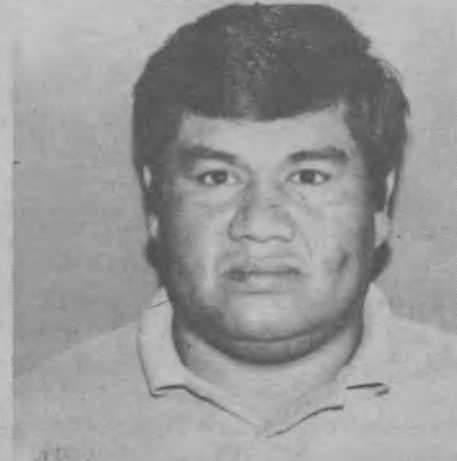
**COUNCIL CANDIDATES...****Hughes District****-SEAT A-****THOMAS YAHOLA**

Thomas Yahola is a candidate for Hughes District Representative Seat A. He is a life-long resident of Hughes County, the son of Bertha and the late Lyman Yahola. He graduated from Wetumka Public School system, Bacone College, and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Northeastern State University. He is a veteran, having served with the US Army. He is currently employed with the Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, Real Estate Division. Thomas has served in many organizations, and most recently as a volunteer lecturer for the Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow, at their National Indian Seminars at various locations in the United States on Creek culture and customs. He is an advocate of both vocational and higher education, employment, and the utilization of available services for Creek citizens. He will propose a name change of the district to a name more appropriate to the Creek people of that area.

served on the Wetumka City Council, served as mayor for two terms. Was the chairman of the Citizenship Board and as a member of the Housing Authority Board.

My priority as a Councilman in the Creek Council has been education, economic development and Health Care.

My motto has been and always will be "I am here when you need me." Your support will be appreciated.

-SEAT B-**DEWAYNE LOWE**

My name is Dewayne Lowe and I am running for Creek councilman, Seat B, for Hughes District. I reside in Wetumka with my wife, Janice. We have four daughters, Dawn Marie, Leslie, Angela and Stephanie, and one son, Paul. My parents are George Lowe of Wetumka, and the late Esther Cain. I am 7/8 Creek and 1/8 Seminole. I am a member of the Yeager Mission United Methodist Church.

I have a BA degree from East Central University in Ada with a major in Sociology. From 1979 through 1981 I was employed as a Job Developer with the Creek Nation CETA Program. I am currently employed as a Social Worker with the Oklahoma State Department of Human Services in Holdenville.

I will support any program which will benefit our people in the areas of employment, education, health care, and economic development.

I would appreciate your vote on October 28.

**Incumbent****JONAS B. DUNSON**

A full-blood Creek, educated in Wetumka and Oklahoma State University. Has been active in Indian Community affairs and has

**JOHNSON BUCK****Incumbent**

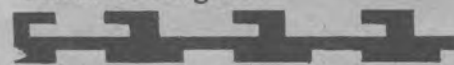
I will continue to work for the welfare, education, and economic development for our Creek Tribal citizens. I ask for your vote and support in this upcoming election. Thank you, Johnson Buck.

**SUSAN WALKER PERRY**

Born and reared in Stidham, Oklahoma, Community of McIntosh County. My parents both deceased were Edward and Mattie Walker. I have lived in Holdenville, Hughes County for 49 years.

My purpose for running for Hughes County representative is toward education and getting our community more organized.

I have two grown sons Michael Lee Perry, Oklahoma City, Ok. and James Edward Perry, Tahlequah, OK. I have two grandsons Mark Perry and Christopher Perry both of Oklahoma City, two granddaughters April Perry, Oklahoma City and Marcia Perry Pinion of Belgium.

**-SEAT C-****Incumbent****ROBERT E. BUCK**

I am Robert Buck from

Holdenville, seeking re-election for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council representing the Hughes-Seminole District, Seat C.

As you can check my voting record, I supported the programs for the elderly Creek citizens and economic development.

I would like to be your representative for the next two years. Your vote and support will be appreciated.

**RECHINTA YOUNMANS**

My name is Rechinta Youmans, I am 31/32 Creek. I presently live in Holdenville, County seat of Hughes county in Oklahoma.

I am the daughter of Elizabeth Smith Johnson and granddaughter of the late Sepu and Emma Taylor Smith of Holdenville, Ok.

I'm the mother of seven daughters and grandmother to twelve grandchildren and reside with my husband Harry E. Youmans, south of Holdenville.

I have served in various capacities and I am an active member of the Many Springs Indian Baptist Church.

I am bi-lingual, and I'm very interested in the affairs of our tribe. I am proud of our tribal heritage, and believe in strong leadership and sound principles.

My interest in the continuing growth of our tribe is of great concern to me. I am aware of the needs of our people and hold in high regard the opportunity to run for council person.

If elected to the representative position, I believe together we can meet some of those needs. I am very willing to learn the duties of the council position and the functions of the tribe, so that our people in Hughes District will not be mis-informed or that they should feel far removed from tribal affairs.

Communication is a necessity

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COUNCIL CANDIDATES...

Candidate Youmans...

of these times. I have a desire to develop good communications and to inform the community of our tribal functions.

Personally, I enjoy meeting people. I stand for honesty, truthfulness; sincerity; good education for our young, the key to our future; and health care for the elderly, the key to why we are here today.

I can only promise to do the best of my abilities to serve the Creek people, and the community from which I live, and will do my best to be available to receive any communications.

Creek citizens I urge you to please cast your vote, a privilege we cannot deny. Your vote, on October 28, 1989 for Rechinta Youmans, Muskogee Creek National Council "Seat C", will be greatly appreciated.

Tulsa District

-SEAT A-



Incumbent

DONNA RHODES

Greetings to the citizens of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation.

It is election time again for the tribal council and I am running for the Tulsa District seat A this will make my second term if I am elected.

During the past two years I've seen our Creek Nation grow and expand our horizons in education, health, and community services. Our judicial system is working and we now have a Creek Nation Bar Association.

As an employee of the U.S. Census Bureau, where statistics is used to gather information for the United States as required by the U.S. Constitution, I can see where our tribe uses the statistics in requesting federal funding for our tribe.

I encourage everyone that has the right to vote in our election,

we have the privilege because we are a sovereign nation within a nation.

In the next two years I want our tribe to grow more economically independent and we can through careful planning and budgeting of our resources.

As a strong supporter of Education for our people, I believe in a well rounded education including the Creek Culture. I've served as a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and the State Advisory Council and have been nominated for the National Indian Education Association Board of Directors and chaired their 20th annual conference held in Tulsa in 1988. I have served as President of the Indian Health Care Resource Center, the Tulsa YWCA Board of Directors and the Tulsa Indian Youth Council Title IV Part B as Director and President.

I now serve on two tribal committees the Festival and Human Development.

My parents were Margaret Alexander Freeman and Jesse Freeman (now deceased) who were former council members and had always encouraged our family to do our best. I have six brothers, Richard, Pat, Johnny, Jess Jr., Ted and Bill and one sister Mary E. Arkeketa. I have three children Paul Travis, Jonathan T. and Cogee Leigh.

I want to thank each and everyone who gave me their support during the past two years and that we continue to grow together as a stronger nation for our Creek people.



PATRICIA CLARK

I have served one term on the National Council 1985-87. I am a member of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women; Board of Planning Commissioners, Glenpool. Ok.

I am the daughter of the late W.E. (Chief) and Helen Evans. I have lived in Glenpool all my life and worked for Glenpool Public Schools 6 years. I have two children, Harold and Rebecca.

I would appreciate your vote and support in this election

-SEAT B-



Incumbent (Unopposed)

LARRY BIBLE

Larry Bible is seeking Seat B for the office of the Creek Nation Tribal Council. Bible has already served 3 consecutive terms as a Tribal Council member, and in 1985 was unopposed.

Larry has been the Chief of Police in Glenpool for six years. He is also the Chairman of the Northeast Oklahoma Sheriff and Police Chief's Conference. Before his Police Chief's position, Larry was elected to the Glenpool City Council for a two year term and, at that time, was employed by the Jenks Police department. He has received numerous college credits in Law Enforcement from various colleges.

Larry Bible graduated from Sequoyah Indian School in Tahlequah, OK, in 1969. He is 7/16 Creek and lives in Glenpool with his wife Shelly, and their four children. He is the son of the late Andy Bible, who also served as Tribal Council member, and Joann Bible of Glenpool. Larry is the grandson of the late Georgia Brown and William Bible. Larry Bible knows that the office of a Tribal Council member is a tremendous responsibility that requires a capable and dedicated individual with an open mind. Larry has proven his stability through his career record, Council experience, and family background to be a Tribal Council member the Creek people can respect.

Larry Bible wants to continue to serve the Creek people and would appreciate your support.

-SEAT C-

Incumbent (Unopposed)

IRENE CLEGHORN

I am a candidate for re-election to the Creek Tribal Council from the Tulsa District. I have served four terms on the Council, and, with the support of the Tulsa District voters, I look forward to



serving you again. As many of you know, I am retired and have time to devote to Council work. This is one of my strong points, since serving on the Council requires many hours of hard work, usually in the evenings and on weekends.

You may recall that I strongly supported the Education Bill which provided incentives to Creek citizen college students to maintain high grade averages. Education programs for our people is one of my top priorities. By proposing and supporting quality educational legislation, this objective will be met. I truly believe that only through better education will we realize the improvements in quality of life we all want for ourselves, and especially our future--our children.

Several other good programs that I strongly support are: hot meals for the elderly, energy assistance, clothing for children, burial assistance, emergency medical assistance, eye glasses and dentures.

Another priority I hold very high is tribal economic development. Better educated people combined with employment opportunities is one of the keys (maybe the key) to a better future for our people.

Our problems are complex, but I truly believe that through education and sound economic development, we can move forward and provide opportunities our children so desperately need.

Understanding the background of our people and the Tribe is essential for a Council Member. It is the responsibility of the voters to elect representatives who understand their needs and who have the ability to be understood. Many of you know that I (see CANDIDATES on Page 19)



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

VERSUS

PREFERRED MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AND GARY
BRESHEARS

—OPINION—

This court is presented the following issues to be resolved:

1. Is there a valid contract between Preferred Management Corporation and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation?
2. Do the facts show the existence of a conflict of interest between Mr. Gary Breshears, as Executive Director of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation? The issue involving payment of funds from the Nation to Preferred Management Corporation for a Feasibility Study is moot, since the study was not and will not be completed.

The third issue concerning the governing body for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospitals and Clinics was disposed of in the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Principal Chief Claude Cox, Petitioner, versus District Court Judge Patrick Moore and the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, Respondents, Case Number SC 89-03, wherein the Supreme Court declared the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinic Board to be the administrative body created to carry out the legislative policies with respect to the administration of the Nation's Hospitals and Clinics and that the Board must be free from the fear of removal at will by the Principal Chief. The Board has the responsibility to oversee the operations of Hospitals and Clinics with all the powers set out in the ordinance establishing the Board.

Jurisdiction

The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation article I, Section 2, sets out the Jurisdiction of the Nation from a geographical standpoint as it appears in the year 1990 based upon treaties between the Nation and the United States of America and this Jurisdiction is not limited to properties held in trust by the United States of America but extends to other properties held by the Nation.

The Jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Court emanates from Article VII, Section I, this Judicial Jurisdiction is limited to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Jurisdiction as set out in Article I, Section 2 of the Nation's Constitution.

The Tribal Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is an important governmental function for the protection of tribal interests.

Tribal Court Jurisdiction is not to be defeated by the actions of tribal officers, individual tribal members, corporations of other business entities at their pleasure.

The authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to exercise Tribal Court Jurisdiction over non-Indian be they natural persons, synthetic business entities, corporations, other states and sovereign Nations, is a means of protecting the interests, stability, security, and welfare of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The impact upon this Sovereign Nation would be overwhelmingly detrimental should those doing business with and under the authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be allowed to escape the Jurisdiction of the Courts of this Nation.

The Tribe has the right to regulate all matters in which it has a substantial interest. A non-Indian engaging in an business activity that would not exist unless the Muscogee (Creek) Nation provided the assets or necessity and one involving tribal members, providing the Tribe with a service, using Tribal resources is subject to the Civil Jurisdictional of the courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Authority over non-Indians activities on property in Trust, owned or controlled by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a most important part of Tribal sovereignty and the jurisdiction over any of these activities must lie in the Tribal Courts.

The United States Supreme Court has stated that:

A tribe may also retain inherent power to exercise civil authority over the conduct of non-Indians on fee lands when that conduct threatens or has some direct effect on the political integrity, the economic security, or the health or welfare of the Tribe. This authority extends to those non-Indians who enter any consensual relationships with the Tribe, its members by commercial dealing, contract leases, or other arrangements. MONTANA VS. UNITED STATES, 450 U.S. at 565-6 (1981).

The Court found it interesting that the very agreement the defendants base all their rights upon contains the following:

This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the United States and the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe.

Contract Validity

The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Article VI, Section 7, Subsection (E) provides for the National Council to legislate on matters involving the entering into contracts on behalf of the Nation that will further the well-being of the members of the Nation.

On March 18, 1988, the Principal Chief signed into Ordinance, legislation authorizing tribal contracts for services and programs for Fiscal Year 1988. The Ordinance NCA 87-37 delegated to the Principal Chief the authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation under the terms of the Ordinance. New proposals were to be presented the National Council and if approved these new proposals would be added to the list of contracts the Principal Chief had the authority to enter into on behalf of the Nation.

Ordinance NCA 87-37 (D-Exhibit #4) does not grant the authority to the Principal Chief nor to the Executive Management Board for administration of hospitals and clinics authority to enter into any agreement or contract with Preferred Management Corporation.

Testimony at Trial by Defendant Gary Breshears related that the agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Defendant Preferred Management Corporation was not approved by the National Council.

Mr. Kenneth L. Childers, speaker of the National Council, testified at trial that the National Council had not given approval of any contract to manage the hospital in Okemah, Oklahoma. Speaker Childers further testified that in March 1988, the National Council advised Defendant Gary Breshears that he would be the administrator and was not authorized to sign any contract.

Conflict of Interest

Officers of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation acting in behalf of the Nation are not to have a personal interest in any contract with the Nation, or affect in any way through official action toward a favorite the determination as to who shall be awarded a contract for work or services to be performed for this Nation, if they can benefit from it in any way.

It is against public policy to permit any dealings between the public officer and himself or herself as a private citizen and they cannot have any private interest however remote in any contract with the Nation.

When a public officer has a pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in a contract for public work the contract is generally regarded as void or voidable. A Federal Statute bars a Federal employee, officer or agent with outside business interests from acting for the government in the transaction of business with such private business.

Ordinances or Statutes in most Jurisdictions contain language prohibiting public officers from being or having any interest however remote in contracts with the public body they represent.

The Officers of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are trustees for the entire tribe and as such have the duty to obey the Constitution and Ordinances. When they accept the office they do so with the burden to execute their duties with honor and fidelity to the Nation. They are to act as fiduciaries to the entire Nation and in such a manner as to be above suspicion. They owe an undivided duty to the Nation and are not permitted to place themselves in a position that will submit them to conflicting duties or the temptation. They are not to use their official position to further their own interests and this especially applies where the officer could benefit from insider information.

Executive Order No. 78-01, signed by the Principal Chief on February 27, 1978 pursuant to Resolution 77-09 and effective January 1, 1978, set out the Personnel Policy and Procedures for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Contained on Page 42 under the Title I: Conduct- The policy for employee conduct is as follows:

(c) Employment outside normal working hours shall be permissible; however, such shall not be conducted during working hours; nor shall any employer equipment be utilized in conducting that business at any time; nor shall any work be conducted which is in conflict of interest or may give rise to conflict of interest. (emphasis added).

(d) Title to any product, copyright, system, invention, patent, and the like, developed and/or discovered by any employee shall insure to the Creek Nation; however, such individual or individuals shall be given credit for development or discovery. (emphasis added)

The 2nd Annual '638 Seminar and Workshop on Indian Health Care held on Wednesday, June 28, 1989, until Friday, June 30, 1989, in Reno, Nevada, conducted by the Primax Group, Inc., (P-Exhibit #1) lists as lecturers, defendant Gary Breshears and defendant Preferred Management Corp. President Jerry Hulin.

The Seminar outline also contains information about the speakers, their experience and background as follows:

Defendant Gary Breshears' outline states he is President of Primax, Executive Director of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and has actual experience with the "638" process through his leadership role with the Creek Nation.

Jerry G. Hulin, President of Defendant Preferred Management

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CN DISTRICT COURT...

Corporation is listed as Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of Primax.

Kim G. Freeman, is listed as Vice-President and Treasurer of Primax, Administrator of the Creek National Community Hospital, Clinic and Ambulance Service in Okemah, Oklahoma.

The registration fee of \$395 was to be paid to the Primax Group at mailing address, 130 Broadway Place, Suite 300, Shawnee, OK 74801. The mailing address of Defendant Preferred Management Corporation as listed in the Interim Management Agreement (P-Exhibit #2) is 130 Broadway Place, Suite 300A, Shawnee, OK 75801.

Testimony at Trial by Defendant Gary Breshears was to the effect that Defendant Preferred Management Corporation's President Jerry G. Hulin also serves as Vice-President of Primax Corporation- the same Primax Corporation that has as its President, Defendant Gary Breshears. Mr. Breshears also stated he had control of the funds already advanced to the Nation for the Feasibility Study as evidenced by Quarterly Reports- Grant #ISR000152-01. (D-Exhibit #3).

Testimony at Trial by Mr. Abe McIntosh, a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Health Clinics Board revealed that at a Board meeting on March 9, 1989, Vicki Carpenter brought up the topic of a Feasibility Study to be accomplished by Primax Corporation and paid for by Preferred Management Corporation from funds to be received from a grant to the Nation from the Indian Health Service which would then be paid to Preferred Management Corporation who would then pay Primax Corporation. Evidence at Trial revealed the grant monies were in fact received by the Nation but never paid to Preferred Management because the Feasibility Study was never completed.

Trial testimony by Mr. Jerry G. Hulin set out he was the President of Preferred Management Corporation and also Vice-President of Primax Corporation, that his flight to the June 28-30, 1989, Reno, Nevada Seminar was paid for by Primax Corporation, that he hoped to receive payment or salary from Primax Corporation in the future, that Primax Corporation does not pay rent to Preferred Management Corporation for office space jointly used at 130 Broadway Place, Shawnee, Oklahoma, and that three Preferred Management Corporation officers own an interest in Primax Corporation.

Shelly Stubbs Crow, a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board, testified at the trial about the March 9, 1989 Board Meeting where Vicki Carpenter told the Board the Feasibility Study was completed by Primax Corporation and that Preferred Management Corporation was to pay Primax Corporation. Mrs. Crow said the Board asked for payment to be stopped on the Feasibility Study. She further testified that Kim G. Freeman, the Administrator of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital in Okemah, OK and an employee of Preferred Management Corporation, was an officer of Primax Corporation. Mrs. Crow further testified she had never seen the agreement between Preferred Management Corporation and the Executive Management Board for Administration of Hospitals and Clinics.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the matters at issue in this cause are matters for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to resolve and the Jurisdiction properly lies in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Court.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Interim Administration Agreement and the Addendum to the Interim Administration Agreement are VOID AB INITIO. The agreements were not approved by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council as required by the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and ordinances specifically enacted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and signed by the Principal Chief.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Preferred Management Corporation immediately conform to any and all directions, orders or commands of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hospital and Clinics Board.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Gary Breshears, Executive Director of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation did allow a Conflict of Interest to develop between himself, Preferred Management Corporation, Primax Corporation and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. It is however the responsibility of the Principal Chief to deal with those officers within the Executive Branch in accordance with the adopted Personnel Policy and Procedures and it is within the purview of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council to legislate concerning Conflicts of Interest.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all parties are responsible for their individual costs and expenses related to this matter.

Dated this 11th day of September, 1989.

Patrick E. Moore
Judge of the District Court
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Letter to be published in MNN-

Dear Chief Cox,

In lieu of the District Court decision concerning our Executive director, Mr. Gary Breshears, what course of action are you proposing? If you have not come to a decision at present, please notify me when you do so. Chief

Cox, do you have any idea how much of our tribal money is involved? How do you propose for us to get it back?

Sincerely,
Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker
National Council

Letter to be published in the MNN-

Dear Creek Citizens:

Last week, Creek Nation District Court Judge Patrick Moore rendered a court decision regarding a recent court case involving Creek Nation Executive Director (and my supervisor), Mr. Gary Breshears. I have remained silent throughout the proceedings, not necessarily of my own accord. Although I was subpoenaed for testimony in this court case, I was never given an opportunity to testify, nor was I given the opportunity for deposition.

In reading this court decision, I find that I was misquoted twice by two Hospital and Clinic Board members providing testimony, and it appears that this was used as evidence in the case. Since when was hearsay used as evidence in a court case?

I could have chosen to direct this letter to Judge Patrick Moore, but I'm not. Instead, I have chosen to take this letter direct to the citizens of the Creek Nation who have a vested interest in all branches of our tribal government, including our judicial branch. For the record, I would like to publicly provide my testimony of what I said. Although I am not providing courtroom testimony, I would say the same thing if under oath.

When the subject of the feasibility study was brought up at the March 9, 1989 Health Board meeting held at Sapulpa Health Clinic, I told those in attendance that the only thing I knew definitely was Preferred Management was preparing the feasibility study, and Gary Breshears has a copy of it and was reviewing it. I also told them Mr. Breshears had given me a copy of the rough draft and had requested I not show it to anyone until the study was completed and the final report was made. This study involved a very unique pilot project, which had never been tried before that could greatly benefit the Creek Nation health care delivery system. Mr. Breshears had planned to present this pilot project to Indian Health Service in Washington to request funding to implement this pilot project. Due to the uniqueness of the pilot project, confidentiality was a must. Shelly Crow questioned why the other

Board members could not receive a copy of the rough draft. I told her Mr. Breshears told me it was not ready for release to anyone. He had only given me a copy because he wanted me to know the overall direction the project entailed so that I would not be duplicating efforts in my attempt to help with the funding situation of the Creek Nation health care delivery system.

In the court opinion as it relates to this feasibility study, it states that Abe McIntosh and Shelly Crow both provided testimony in which they say I said Preferred Management was paying Primax to conduct a feasibility study. The evidence presented by Ms. Crow at this meeting certainly led everyone in attendance to suspect that this may indeed be true, however, at no time during this meeting did I state any such allegation. I had no evidence to support such an allegation. I was distinctly asked at this meeting if Preferred was paying Primax to do the feasibility study. My response was "All I know is that Preferred is doing the feasibility study, and if they (Preferred) have hired Primax (on a sub-contract basis), I don't know. That is something that should possibly be checked into if everything you (Shelly Crow) have said is true."

These comments were made by me after Ms. Crow presented information earlier in the meeting to the Health Board concerning a possible conflict of interest between board members of Preferred and Primax and the dates of incorporation of both companies. The information she presented certainly led to suspicions and conclusions being drawn, although there was little in the way of documentation to support such evidence. She told everyone in attendance at that meeting that this evidence was being mailed to her. She told us the bids for the management of the hospital had been changed and that HCA Corporation should have been awarded the bid based on information being sent to her. I requested her to provide me with documentation to support this information, and to date, I have yet to see any

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COUNCIL CANDIDATES...

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Candidate Cleghorn...

communicate fluently in both our native Creek and English and this enhances my ability to represent both Creek and English speaking citizens.

I am asking for your vote on October 28 and sincerely look forward to serving again as your representative.

-SEAT D-



Incumbent
(Unopposed)

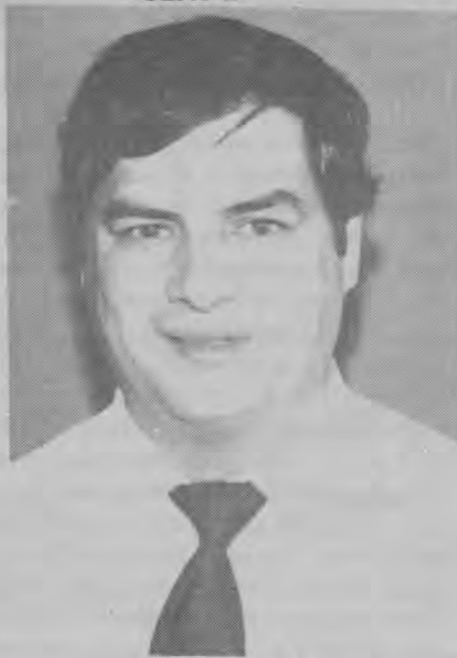
KENNETH L. CHILDERS

I am seeking re-election to the Creek Nation National Council, Tulsa District. My goals are as before, equality and betterment for all Creek citizens. I take a strong approach on improving our educational programs. During my eight years of serving on the National Council, I have missed one (1) Regular Scheduled Council meeting (due to a family tragedy.) I have and will continue to attend every Community meetings or function in the Tulsa District, that time will allow. In 1988, I was elected Speaker of the House. I take the position as Speaker very seriously and attempt to uphold the Office democratically and with integrity. I am dedicated to serving the Creek people. I have and will maintain support of every Bill that will benefit the Tulsa District citizens.

I believe in God, the Creek people, tribal sovereignty, and the Creek Nation Constitution. I am married to the former Billie Bible, have four children, and two grandchildren, and reside in Glenpool. I am a Veteran of the U.S. Navy. My parents are Violet Childers Freeman and the late Mose Childers of Coweta. I am the Coordinator for Indian Education at Coweta Schools.

A person is only as strong as their support. I have truly enjoyed representing the Tulsa District of the Creek Nation and it's people. I look forward to serving the Nation once again. With your help, success will be ours. Thank you for your vote and support.

-SEAT E-



Incumbent
(Unopposed)

JERRY WILSON

Jerry Wilson is a candidate for re-election to Tulsa District Seat E. Wilson, a Creek citizen from Glenpool, holds a B.S. Degree in Business and a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Northeastern State University. He currently serves as a Vice-Chairperson of the Business and Governmental Committee of the National Council. He is employed at Oklahoma State University, Technical Branch as a Small Business Instructor and as a Project Director for the Minority Business Enterprise Project.

According to Wilson, his goals for his next term include: Continual support for comprehensive services to the Creek Citizens, the promoting of entrepreneurial education among Creek Communities, the development of a Economic Development Program for the tribe, the development of legislation that will strengthen tribal government, and to allow more Creek Citizen input into the tribal decision-making process.

CREEKS AMONG WELEETKA YOUNG FARMERS

New officers of the Weleetka Chapter of Young Farmers were elected August 22. They are: Charles Fisher- President; Carney Roberts- Vice-President; Louise Jennings- Secretary and Dan Parrish, Treasurer.

The President then appointed the following chairman; Gary Williams, show superintendent; Kenneth Jennings, project supervisor; Debbie Wallace, concession chairwoman, and Reina Womack, show secretary.

JUNE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER MNN-

6H A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CREEK NATION OFFICE OF JUSTICE TO PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY STEPS TO HAVE THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIAN COUNTRY U.S.A., INC. AND THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DECLARED NULL AND VOID.

Section 101. Findings: The National Councils finds that:

A. The Creek Nation entered into a Management Agreement on March 19, 1984 with Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. to manage, administer and operate the Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo operation for a period of twelve (12) years.

B. Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. entered into a contract with MLL (U.S.A.), Inc. (MECCA) on April 4, 1989, for purposes of MECCA assuming the majority of Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. interest, responsibilities and duties concerning the operation of the Tulsa Bingo facility. C. The contract between Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. and MECCA was entered into without the knowledge and consent of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. D. The Creek Nation Office of Justice has asserted the opinion that Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. has violated the Management Nation, by subcontracting its obligations/responsibilities to MECCA. E. Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. has further violated the Management Agreement, Section 14 (Indemnification of Tribe by the Manager) reference the Michael Beaver case (taking expense of settlement as operational cost). F. Pursuant to the above, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation believes Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. is in violation of its Management Agreement with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the contractual relationship between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. is unconditionally destroyed and incapable of maintaining.

Section 102. The Gaming Commissioner is hereby directed and authorized: A. Suspend the license of Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. for violation of the Management Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country U.S.A., Inc., pursuant to NCA 84-04, Section 203 B (8). B. Direct the Creek Nation Office of Justice to petition the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to have the Management Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. declared null and void due to violation of Management Agreement. C. Direct the Creek Nation Office of Justice to petition the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to issue a Restraining Order against MECCA, barring their representatives from entering or conducting business upon any tribal land. D. The Commissioner of Gaming shall recommend: 1. An existing member of the present Creek Nation's Tulsa facility management team be selected (by the Gaming Operations Authority Board) to serve as Interim Manager of the facility during the period of transition. 2. A separate interest bearing account, title Bingo Escrow Account, shall be established wherein 40% of all net gaming profits shall be held in escrow (including interest), pending settlement of any litigation which may be forthcoming, or for a maximum period of two (2) years.

Section 103. The Principal Chief is hereby requested and authorized to: A. Take any steps necessary to relieve Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. of their responsibility as Manager of the Creek Nation's Bingo operations in Tulsa.

Section 104. The Creek Nation Office of Justice is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with activities to have the Management Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country U.S.A. Inc./Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. Limited Partnership No.1 declared null and void in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; further, any other courts of competent jurisdiction having legal authority. Section 104. Appropriation - Revolving Fund Account - Bingo Revenue Account. A. There is hereby appropriated \$250,000 from the Bingo Revenue Account which shall be deposited in a revolving account ear-marked "Bingo Operations" Account. B. Expenditures from the Bingo Operations Account shall be approved by the Board of their designee.

Any person who is authorized to expend monies shall be bonded for an amount of one million dollars. C. At the end of each month all monies in the "Bingo Operations Account" in excess of \$250,000 shall be transferred to an account ear-marked "Bingo Revenue Account" which shall be reserved for appropriation by the National Council. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to postpone this Bill and send back to committee. Discussion. Frye made a motion to postpone and return to committee for review. Bible seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against,

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no abstentions. Motion Carried. The Bill 6H is returned to Committee. Bible made a motion to recess until a later date to continue legislation on the remainder of the agenda. Little seconded the motion. By a vote the meeting was adjourned and will be recessed until Wednesday, June 28, 1989 at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

SESSION RECONVENED; WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1989

CALL TO ORDER; Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker

ROLL CALL: Tommy Newton, Johnson Buck and Robert Buck were now present.

6D ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE TO ISSUE TRIBAL CHARTERS TO ORGANIZED INDIAN YOUTH COUNCILS.

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. Over the past year, the Muscogee Nation has initiated efforts to establish Indian Youth Councils in the planning and development of programs and activities designed to: - Promote youth and youth interaction. - Develop youth leadership potential. - Develop natural talents of youth. - Ensure the support and cooperation of efforts to enhance youth activities. - Provide a greater voice for youth and give them greater opportunities to participate in tribal leadership. - Promote healthy minds, spirits, and bodies among youth. - Provide opportunities for youth to experience and develop entrepreneurial interests. - Increase youth awareness and understanding of the political process. B. Youth represents the next generation of leaders for our communities, tribe and nation. C. Youth and adults have responded favorably to technical assistance provided by the tribal government to the youth council concept. D. Official charters are needed for each organized Youth Council to give them a special status under tribal law, to outline the formal relationship between the chartered youth council and the tribal government, and outlining the duties and responsibilities of youth and adult advisors. E. A Youth Council Application for Charter to Muscogee Nation must include the following. 1. Name of Youth Council. 2. Purpose of Youth Council. 3. Goals of Youth Council. 4. Organizational structure of Youth Councils and provision for elected representation. 5. Membership provision and description. 6. Annual elections of Youth Council officers. 7. Annual report of activities to the Creek Nation. 8. Identification of a minimum of three (3) Youth Council Adult Advisors. Adult Advisors must be age twenty-one or over and serve a minimum of one year terms. 9. Youth Council Adult Advisor duties and responsibilities must be clearly described and specific. 10. Provision describing the replacement of Adult Advisors. 11. Meetings. Frequency and location. E. Chartered Youth Councils shall, under this ordinance, have the status of the Muscogee Nation as to all tax exemptions, sovereign immunities and any other protections and powers as provided by tribal ordinance. F. In all aspects of tribal government, including the affairs of chartered youth councils, the constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is the supreme law. G. The Executive Office of the Muscogee Nation shall provide technical assistance to youth groups in developing their constitutions. **Section 102.** Organized Indian Youth Councils of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation may apply in writing to the Principal Chief for approval of their constitution. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief shall sign a certificate upon his approval of a Indian Youth Council Constitution. **Section 104.** Youth Council Charters shall be granted within sixty (60) days after approval of the Youth Council Constitution in **Section 103.** **Section 105.** The form of the Certificate of Youth Council Charter shall be:

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
YOUTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Youth Council has submitted its constitution to the Principal Chief of Muscogee (Creek) Nation and that constitution has been approved and found not to be inconsistent with or in violation of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

NOW THEREFORE, I the undersigned Principal Chief of Muscogee (Creek) Nation, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, do hereby grant a charter to:

NAME OF YOUTH COUNCIL

to operate as a Youth Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with all powers and privileges provided by law.

Section 106. A youth advisory seat shall be established on the National Council. The advisory seat shall have no voting privileges while serving an advisory capacity to the National Council.

The members of the Creek Nation Youth Councils shall select one individual to serve as youth advisor on a quarterly basis. The name of this individual shall be submitted to the Principal Chief's office through the Youth Services Department one month prior to the beginning of a new fiscal quarter for notification purposes to the National Council.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained time for motions concerning this Bill. Wilson, made a motion to adopt. Johnson Buck seconded the motion. Discussion. Wilson made a motion to delete **Section 106** Further discussion. No second. Wilson withdrew his motion. Frye made a motion to that this Bill be sent back to committee and work with administration and try to work on a compromise Cleghorn seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, two against; no abstentions. McIntosh and Thomas voted NO. Bear, Bible, Chupco and Stacy were absent. Motion Carried. The Bill 6D is returned to committee for further review.

6E A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A LOAN FOR THE CREEK NATION AGRI-BUSINESS TO USE FOR OPERATING CAPITOL.

Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: The Agri-Business has come up short of operating money but is capable of paying back the loan with the payment returned to the Bingo Account principle being \$45,000.00. **Section 102.** The note will be carried for 3 years and due at the first day of June of each year and will be paid with money derived from the operation. **Section 103.** This money will be made available upon the contingency that the money deposited in an account entitled Creek Nation Agri-Business Account. Checks written on this account will be solely by Agri-Business Manager and Assistant Manager of the Agri-Business. A. All income to the Agri-Business will be deposited in this account. B. All debts owed by the Agri-Business will be paid from this account. **Section 104.** The money will be deposited in a banking institution of the Agri-Business Managers choice. A monthly concealed checks statement will be forwarded to the National Council Office on a regular basis. B. Members of the National Council will be authorized to evaluate the account at any time or for any cause. **Section 105.** The Creek Nation Agri-Business is hereby authorized to receive any and all Federal Grants allocated to the Tribe for the purpose and shall be deposited in the Agri-Business account as specified by this ordinance. **Section 106.** No Livestock and Pigs from the Creek Nation Agri-Business and Dairy is not to be sold without the consent of the National Council. **Section 107.** The National Council hereby appropriates and authorizes the expenditures of \$45,000.00 from bingo account after the National Council Office receives a written statement from an officer of Banking Institution stating the Agri-Business account has been opened and verifies that the check signers are in accordance with this ordinance.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for this Bill. Newton made a motion to adopt as read, and Thomas seconded the motion. Discussion. Burden made a motion to clean up the Bill and send back to committee. Also requested that income for this year be listed. Rhodes seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Bear, Chupco, Stacy were absent. Motion Carried. The Bill 6E is being returned to Committee.

6F A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING PROGRAMMING AND APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUES FOR THE TRIBAL PROGRAM - FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that
A. Tribal Ordinance NCA 88-80 appropriated a total of \$81,467.
B. During the past eight months, this program has experienced increased costs in the form of truck repairs, xerox machine with maintenance agreement, computer supplies (not previously figured into FY 89 budget), and printing.

C. Tribal bingo revenues are available for appropriation to ensure the continued operations of the Food Distribution Program.

Section 102. The National Council hereby authorizes programs and

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OCTOBER 28 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS-

The October Primary Election saw a light voter turnout according to Juliene Stone, Election Board Secretary. A fewer than average number of absentee ballots were mailed in, as well. "That's not too unusual for a National Council election," she said. "Heavy voter turnout comes at elections for Principal Chief."

Creek Nation's General Election will be held December 2, with voting at the same polling places as in the Primary Election. Absentee ballots for this election will be mailed by the election office on November 13. Precinct voter registration is being taken in the Election Board office until November 22, Ms. Stone said.

(Note: Candidate names appearing in boldface type with a star were winners in their races. In races where there will be a run-off in the Dec. 2 General Election, both candidates' names appear in boldface type.)

Okmulgee District Seat A

Harvey Gilroy	263
Robert Hardridge	248
Dan Burgess	202

Seat B

Thomas Berryhill*	378
Clifton Hill	337

Seat C

Barton Williams	296
Charlie Litsey	269
Floyd Jones	149

Seat D

George Almerigi (unopposed)

Seat E

Tony Hale, Sr.*	405
Leah Stacy	308

Wagoner District Seat A

Richard Berryhill*	115
Alexander Thomas	74

Seat B

Helen Duncan	92
Thurston Primeaux	56
Willis Bell	43

McIntosh District Seat A

Tommie Newton*	304
Vernon Courtwright	219

Seat B

Frank Kamp*	308
Eziel Harjo	215

Seat C

Sandy McIntosh (unopposed)

Seat D

Tommy Pickering (unopposed)

(See ELECTION RESULTS on Page 2)

Youth Involvement in Tribal Government-



THE SEPTEMBER NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING PROVIDED A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE LIBERTY MOUNDS Indian students to observe, first hand, tribal government at work. The students were among those invited by the Muscokee (Creek) National Council to attend a special Youth Rally held during the National Council's September 30 monthly meeting. Pictured above are, front row, left to right: Lisa Tiger, freshman, Karen Brown, sophomore, Mindy Bittle, sophomore. Second row, left to right: Jean Warrior-Bittle, JOM Home-School Coordinator, Bobby Gibson, junior, Becky Bittle, junior and Marcus Brown, senior. Top Row, left to right: Frank Kamp, Second Speaker; Chief Cox and Speaker Kenneth Childers. -Photo by Gary Robinson

NOTICE

Childrens School Clothing Program Dates & Sites Set-

The Creek Nation Social Services is pleased to announce that funds have been appropriated for School Clothing for Creek children for Fiscal Year 1989. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Income verification *see Guideline on Page 2.
2. Citizenship card for each child (Muscokee Creek Nation Tribal Member).
3. Enrolled in Grades K-12 (Letter from school verifying school enrollment and attendance for each child).
4. One grant of \$50 per child per school year 89-90.

Parents income verification of income may be: **AFDC pay stub, Veterans Administration, Child Support, or General Assistance.**

(See CLOTHING on Page 2)



Congratulations-

Antoinette Houle, the daughter of Tony and Martha Houle, of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, was sworn in as an attorney, September 25 at Topeka, Kansas. she is a graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law at Albuquerque. She is also a graduate of Kansas University at Lawrence as a Biologist.



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Muskogee District Seat A

Helen Chupco (unopposed)

Seat B

Harley Little (unopposed)

Creek District Seat A

Earl Wheeler 131
Roy Bear 103
Larry Cahwee 94

Seat B

Ed Frye (unopposed)

Seat C

Clarence Cloud* 196
Betty Foster 130

Seat D

Mose Cahwee (unopposed)

Hughes District Seat A

Thomas Yahola* 300
Jonas Dunson 175

Seat B

Johnson Buck 199
Dewayne Lowe 171
Susan Perry 110

Seat C

Robert Buck* 242
Rechinta Youmans 234

Okfuskee District Seat A

Clyde Johnson* 241
Billie Burden 170

Seat B

Eugene Birdcreek* 271
Ronald Hardin 138

Seat C

Hepsie Mae Jackson* 241
Dorothy Burden 167

Seat D

Bill Fife 250
Wynema Roberts 142
Marion Van Hardin 15

Tulsa District Seat A

"Journalism Career Day" to be Held at Creek Nation November 30-

The Creek Nation Communications Department and the Muscogee Nation News, are pleased to announce it's hosting of the first "Creek Nation High School Journalism Career Day," Thursday, November 30, 9:00-a.m.- 2:45 p.m.

The Career Day, co-sponsored by the Native American Press Association, will be held in the Mound Building Auditorium at the Tribal Capitol Complex, Highway 75 and Loop 56, north of Okmulgee.

The Career Day is designed to introduce Creek Nation area Indian high school students, to Journalism and the opportunities in the field (print, television and radio).

The featured speaker for Career Day will be television veteran news personality, Clayton Vaughn, Managing Editor/Anchor for Channel 6-KOTV, Tulsa.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Mound Building Lobby. Mini-workshops will be conducted throughout the day in careers in television, newspaper and radio Journalism.

Workshops speakers will include: Rick Peterson, Channel 6-KOTV (Tulsa); Bill Conners, Tulsa World Sports Editor; David Garrett, Oklahoma News Network (Radio); Jerry Quinn, General Manager of the Okmulgee Daily Times and Jerry Floyd, Program Director at KKWK-Radio in Muskogee.

A traditional Indian luncheon will be served at noon at the Okmulgee Indian Community center across from the Complex.

The Career Day and Luncheon are free to the students and their sponsors.

For further information, please contact the Communications Department, (918) 756-8700 ext. 312 or 327.

CLOTHING GUIDELINES & DATES...

SIZE OF FAMILY	INCOME GUIDELINES	
	YEARLY	MONTHLY
2	\$14,035	\$1,169.58
3	17,605	1,467.08
4	21,175	1,764.58
5	24,745	2,062.08
6	28,315	2,359.58

For each additional household member, add \$3,750 (175% of poverty level.)

Applications will not be taken at the CN Complex (this applies only to people residing in the Creek Nation Boundaries).

Date and Time
November 13
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November 14
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November 15
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November 16
9:00 to 2:00 p.m.

November 17
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November 20
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 21
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Locations:

TULSA DISTRICT:

Native American Coalition
1740 W. 41st Street, Tulsa

MCINTOSH DISTRICT:

Eufaula Ind. Community Cent.
Eufaula

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Okmulgee Ind. Comm. Cen.
Okmulgee

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Okemah Ind. Comm. Cen.
Okemah

CREEK DISTRICT

Kellyville Ind. Comm. Cen.
Silver Dollar Ballroom, Hwy.66

WAGONER DISTRICT

Coweta Ind. Comm. Cen.
Coweta

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Muskogee Ind. Comm. Cen.
111 S. Virginia, Muskogee

HUGHES DISTRICT

Wetumka Ind. Comm. Cen.
Wetumka

OUTSIDE CREEK NATION BOUNDARIES:

For those enrolled Creek school children living **outside** the Creek Nation Boundary, the above eligibility requirements apply. In addition, Parents and guardians should write a note to the Social Services Dept. authorizing staff to process their application.



WILSON INDIAN COMMUNITY HELD AN OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 24 with 100 people (adults and children). The Invocation was given by Wilson Elementary Principal George Christy. Chief Cox and Wilson School Superintendent Fred Adams officiated with the Ribbon Cutting ceremonies that opened the new Center. Present were, left to right, Chief Cox, Barton Williams, Councilmember; Leah Stacy, Councilmember; M.C. Leist, State Representative; Frank Shurden, State Legislator; Harvey Gilroy, Councilmember; Harley Little, Councilmember; George Almerigi, Councilmember and Frank Kamp, Councilmember.

-Photo by Gary Robinson

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Donna Rhodes* 207
Patricia Clark 129

Seat B

Larry Bible (unopposed)

Seat C

Irene Cleghorn (unopposed)

Seat D

Kenneth Childers (unopposed)

Seat E

Jerry Wilson (unopposed)



Wilson Indian Community and Wilson School District Join Efforts for Unique Program-

By Gloria Gilroy

Wilson School district, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma and Wilson Indian Community, through united effort, have developed a plan to serve ages 0-12 children in the community.

Realizing the need for a prekindergarten program in the community and this being made possible through recent legislative action, the Wilson Indian Community, Wilson Superintendent Fred Adams and members of the board of education put their heads together and now have an early childhood education program and a daycare center in the Wilson Indian Community Building.

The three and four year old children start school at 8:30 a.m. and end their early education at 3 p.m. They are transported to and from school by local district school buses.

The Wilson Indian Community recently being allotted monies by the Creek Nation Tribe built a new facility to be a convenience store, a daycare center and a class room for the early childhood education. The daycare and early childhood program are separate entities, but are housed in the same building.

"The children are off to a good start and into a disciplined and educational routine," said teacher Paulette Barnes and assistant, Glenda Withrow. "The eagerness to learn at this early age is an overwhelming experience to

witness. They are saying the pledge of allegiance and learning to write the letters of the alphabet."

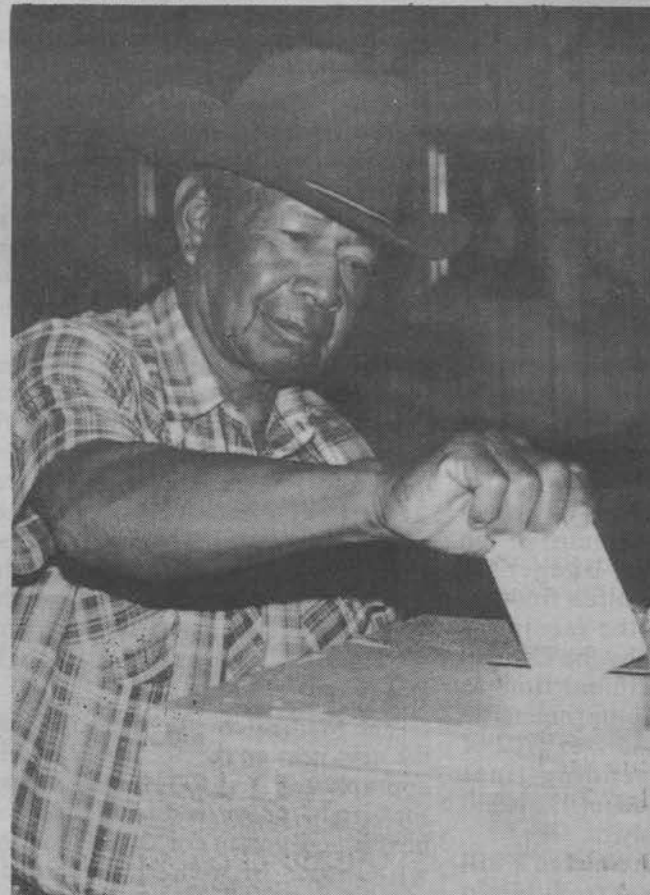
At 3 p.m. the children of working parents become daycare students, staying in the facility until the parents return from work to pick them up.

The Wilson Board of Education, Wilson School Superintendent, Indian Community leaders, Chief of the Creek Nation, Department of Education, and State Legislative Leaders all agree this is a unified effort to enhance the education and care for our most important resource- our children.

-CN National Council- Meeting Dates Set

According to Janice Tiger, Legislative Clerk for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, meeting dates of the Council for November are: Planning Session- November 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and the Regular Session of the Council- November 18, 10:00 a.m. in the Mound Auditorium. For further information on Council activities, contact the Council office at 756-8700, Ext. 383 and 341.

ELECTION DAY- OCTOBER 28...



CASTING THEIR BALLOTS FOR OKMULGEE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AT THE OKMULGEE Precinct at the Complex, left to right, Simon Harry, Liberty Mounds, and Norman Miller, Okmulgee County.

-Photo by Gary Robinson



NATIONAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Gary Robinson

REGULAR SESSION-SEPT. 30, 1989

The September Regular Session of the National Council opened with a brief tribute to the late Bill Foster, Gaming Commissioner of the Creek Nation, who recently passed away. The Speaker told of Mr. Foster's service to the Tribe and the professionalism of his office.

The first action that the Council took was to cut the agenda from 23 items down to 9 items that could be reasonably handled for the day's meeting.

The first item on the new agenda was consideration of NC 89-116, a bill appropriating funds for the construction of an additional building for the Eufaula Indian Community. The building would house the community's smoke shop, gift shop, a child care facility and storage area, with a total cost of \$71,000. Several Council members objected to the bill because the Eufaula community had not secured three bids, but rather took only one bid from the Morton Building Company. However, the bill passed with a vote of 14 in favor and 5 against. The "no" votes were cast by H. Chupco, I. Cleghorn, H. Gilroy, B. Williams and C. Johnson.

The second bill on the agenda was NC 89-120, a bill authorizing the funding and employment of legal counsel for the National Council, with a contract with Gregory Stidham attached. A similar bill had been passed earlier this year contracting with Mr. Stidham for legal services, but the Executive Office of the tribe is appealing that contract with the BIA. This bill authorizes up to \$25,000 for attorney fees for fiscal year 1990. The bill passed with a vote of 14 in favor, 3 against, and one abstention by Harvey Gilroy. The "no" votes were cast by H. Chupco, C. Johnson and J. Buck.

Approval of the Three Year Tribal Budget plan, NC 89-91, was the next item of business. This bill provides for the programming of the interest on the tribe's invested funds from four dockets. The total three year budget equals \$2,524,500. Several Council members wanted to increase the percentage of the budget that goes to Higher Education, even up to 50% of the entire budget. Since the bill allows for changes in the percentages in the future, it was decided to let the figures stand as they are and review the budget before the next fiscal year. The bill passed with a vote of 15 in favor and 5 against.

Those voting against the bill were B. Burden, D. Rhodes, S. McIntosh, F. Kamp and T. Newton.

A bill allocating \$76,000 to repair the roof of the Holdenville Indian Community building was taken up next. A fire several months ago damaged the contents and the interior of the building which was covered by insurance. However, the roof repairs

are unrelated to the fire. The bill's findings report that the insurance will pay \$49,115 for interior renovation and that the roof will cost \$76,000 to repair, payable by the tribe from the bingo account. The Council voted to send the bill back to committee to consider the possibility of having a new building built for the same amount of money that would better serve the community's needs.

Next, the Council acted on a bill allocating matching funds for a tribal Children's Services Program. The bill's \$16,546 appropriation represents only 25% of the program's total one year budget. The remaining 75%, or \$49,638, would come from the federal government, if the grant proposal is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. The program's objectives include the reduction of Indian child abuse and neglect within the Creek Nation area. The Council passed this bill unanimously.

NC 89-126 was the next bill on the agenda. This bill will convert the tribe's operation of the Eufaula Boarding School from a contract with the BIA to an outright grant, in accordance with a new federal law. Indian boarding schools across the U.S. are in the process of converting to grants. Manuel Morgan, Director of Creek Nation Human Services Division, reported that one advantage of the change is that the tribe could draw down the funds and invest them in CD's earning up to \$30,000 interest each year. Those additional funds would be applied to the school, he said. The Council voted to table this bill until the next meeting so that Mr. Morgan could provide the Council with a detailed budget for the school and other information.

The next item for consideration was a bill confirming the nomination of Timothy E. Harper to serve as tribal Gaming and Tax Commissioner for one year. Mr. Harper has been serving as the Assistant Commissioner under the late Bill Foster. The bill sets Mr. Harper's salary at \$32,500 per year. The bill was passed by the Council with a vote of 17 in favor and 1 against. The no vote came from McIntosh Representative Sandy McIntosh.

The next-to-last bill was approval of 1/12 (equal to one month) of the Comprehensive Tribal Budget for fiscal year 1990. The bill's findings state that a delay in the receipt of information requested by the Council has not allowed sufficient time to review the revised Comprehensive Budget. This bill authorizes 1/12 of the expenditures, pending final approval of the total budget. This bill was passed unanimously.

The final agenda item was a bill appropriating \$15,000 from bingo revenues to purchase a truck for the Commodity Food program. The total

cost of the truck is approximately \$60,000, but 75% of the funds will be obtained from the USDA. The bill passed with 12 in favor and 6 against. Votes against the bill were cast by B. Burden, I. Cleghorn, C. Cloud, S. McIntosh, F. Kamp and B. Fife.

The Council set October 5 at 6 p.m. as the date and time to reconvene and finish the agenda, and then adjourned.

CONTINUATION OF REGULAR SESSION - OCT. 5, 1989

The Regular Session was reconvened on October 5 to complete the agenda left unfinished in September.

The first item on the lengthy agenda was NC 89-114, a bill appropriating funds for the Ceremonial Grounds for participation in the Oct. 22, 1989, Council Oak Ceremony in Tulsa. Six Ceremonial Grounds would receive \$500 each from bingo revenues for a total of \$3,000. The bill was passed unanimously.

Next, a bill adopting a Drug-Free Workplace Policy for Creek Nation was considered. The bill conforms to the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, which requires recipients of federal grants to adopt such a policy. Council Speaker Kenneth Childers asked the Council to postpone action on this bill until he has had time to review the federal regulations, and the Council acted accordingly.

NC 89-125 was taken up next, a bill appropriating funds for the Gaming Operations Authority Board for fiscal year 1990. This bill originally called for a total budget of \$22,862., allowing for a \$100 stipend per member per meeting. Several Council members objected to this figure because other boards are only allowed \$50 per member each meeting. An amendment introduced by Ed Frye and seconded by Donna Rhodes reduced the stipend to \$50, thereby reducing the entire budget to \$19,262. The bill was passed, as amended, with a vote of 13 in favor and 3 against. Those casting "no" votes were G. Almerigi, L. Stacy and H. Gilroy.

A Water and Sewer Grant Appropriation bill, NC 89-115, was next in the order of business. This legislation allocates \$88,460 from Bingo Revenues to fund eight water and sewer projects at Creek Churches and Ceremonial Grounds. These projects were the only applicants who had complete applications, and all the necessary prerequisites taken care of. The Council passed this bill unanimously.

The Medical Aid Services bill was the next item on the agenda. This bill appropriates Bingo Revenues to pay for certain prescribed medicines and health equipment for tribal citizens who have no other means of obtaining these items. This program began two years ago and has been effectively operated by the tribes's

Social Services department. The bill originally called for a \$10,000 appropriation but was amended to a \$25,000 appropriation by the Council. The bill was passed unanimously, as amended.

Next, the Burial Assistance Bill for fiscal year 1990 was discussed. This bill, NC 89-130, appropriates \$130,000 from Bingo Revenues for funeral costs and food expenses for qualified tribal members. A maximum grant of \$1,000, payable to a funeral home, is allowable under this bill. The Council passed this bill unanimously.

The next agenda item was the FY1990 appropriation for the Hospital and Clinics Board, a \$9,900 expenditure from Bingo Revenues. This budget includes a share of the expenses for a secretarial position for the Board that will be shared with the Gaming Board and the National Council. The bill passed with a vote of 11 in favor, 5 against and one abstention. The "no" votes were cast by H. Chupco, I. Cleghorn, H. Gilroy, C. Johnson and D. Rhodes. R. Buck abstained.

NC 89-126, a bill converting the Eufaula Boarding School contract to an outright grant, was considered next. This bill was on the Sept. 30 agenda, but was tabled until this meeting, pending the Council's receipt of requested information. (See Sept. 30 report above for details.) One amendment was added to the bill, stating that the interest earned from invested grant funds would not be expended until a budget is approved by the Council. The bill, as amended, passed unanimously.

The Holdenville Roof Repair bill was the next item for consideration. This bill had been sent back to the Tribal Affairs Committee by the Council at the last meeting. Since then, the committee met with members of the Holdenville Indian Community at the building site to determine the Community's desires in the matter. Rep. Cloud reported that the site would require an additional \$25,000 to prepare for a new building and that the Community voted 14 to 13 in favor of repairing the existing structure. After a minor amendment, the bill was passed unanimously, appropriating \$76,000 for the repairs.

A bill authorizing Creek Nation's Social Services department to apply for a grant from the US Dept. of Justice was discussed next. This one year grant would be used to develop a Child Sexual Abuse Program for the tribe, under the guidelines established by the federal Children's Justice Act of 1986. After reviewing the proposed \$96,000 budget submitted by Social Service Manager Bunny Hill, the Council passed the bill unanimously.

Two School Clothing Grant bills were put on the agenda next. One bill

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was authored by Bill Burden and the other by Helen Chupco. The bills are similar in that both allow for \$50 per qualified student for school clothing, and specify certain income guidelines for eligibility. However, the bills differ in the total amount allocated, the date for distribution, the number of students served, and the minimum qualifying income. The Council voted to send the bills back to the Community Services Committee with the instructions to develop one compromise bill for the Council to consider.

Next the Council acted on NC 89-129, a bill programming nearly \$150,000 to supplement the tribe's Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Program. Creek Nation's ICW grant application was denied by the BIA, along with several other tribes, this year. This money will be added to the \$242,000 Social Service budget, funded from other sources. Since this program is a part of the Comprehensive FY90 Tribal Budget, the Council voted to postpone action on this bill until after the Comprehensive Budget was passed.

The next-to-last bill on the agenda was NC 89-142, a bill authorizing the FY90 tribal contract with the US Dept. of Agriculture for the Commodity Food Distribution Program. The Creek Nation currently distributes commodities at 12 sites, serving approximately 3400 Indian people. The tribal funding portion of this program will be approximately \$77,000, which represents one-fourth of the total budget. This funding will be appropriated upon approval of the FY90 Comprehensive Budget. This bill passed unanimously.

The last bill of the meeting was the appropriation of funds for the Creek Nation Princess (Janita Screechowl) for travel and other expenses during the year. Each year, the princess represents the Creek Nation at a wide variety of events. This bill allocates the sum of \$2,550 for those expenses. This bill was passed unanimously.

The final action of the Council before adjourning was to reset the October regular session to another date that wouldn't conflict with the tribal election on Oct. 28. The meeting was set for October 21.



Creek Receives CN Higher Ed Grant-

Velma Carder, a graduate of Dustin High School has recently received a Higher Ed scholarship from the Creek Nation. Velma, who is the daughter of Cecil and Peggy Carder, Okmulgee, was valedictorian of her class and received the scholarship for her academic achievement.

She currently attends Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, majoring in Psychology/Sociology.

Creek Nation Hosts Annual State Indian Economic Development Meet

The Third Annual Oklahoma Indian Economic Development Conference sponsored by the Oklahoma Indian Business Development Center and Oklahoma State University Technical College is scheduled to be held at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma on December 5, 6, & 7, 1989.

This very important conference will feature presentations by Senator Don Nickles, Congressman Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Colorado), Dr. Eddie Brown, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Ms. Melda Cabrera, Regional Director, Minority Business Development Agency, Principal Chief Claude Cox, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Ms. Renee Cullen, Attorney At Law, and Deloitte, Haskins & Sells.

There will be a Minority Youth Conference, "Entrepreneurship and Career Opportunities for Minorities" presented by Oklahoma State Tech Minority Business Enterprise Project. It is open to all minority youth (Jr/Sr High School-College Freshman/Sophmores level.)

Also present will be "Teamwork Oklahoma" State of Oklahoma, Department of Commerce.

There will be a Trade Fair presented by the Oklahoma Minority Supply Council featuring major corporations from the State of Oklahoma and several Indian Owned Businesses will also showcase their companies.

The Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and Key State Legislators have been invited to attend. The conference is open to

the public. For more information contact the Oklahoma Indian Business Development Center, 5727 S. Garnett, Suite C, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74146, (918) 250-5950.

Eighth Financial Award Received By The Creek Nation-

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to: the **Muscogee (Creek) Nation** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and

financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment.

This is the eighth year the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has received this award.

When a certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement also is given to the individual designated as primarily responsible for its having earned the certificate. This Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been presented to David Bryant, Director of Finance.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" effort to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential persons and user groups to read the CAFR.

Creek Councilmembers Among NIEA Board Members and Award Recipients-

Dr. Robert Swann, named the 1989 Indian Educator of the Year by the National Indian Education Association, also has been selected to serve as president of the 4,000-member organization.

Swann, a Chippewa-Cree from the Rocky Boy reservation in Montana, leads a new slate of officers that includes Stuart Tonemah, First Vice President; Royce Kelly, Second Vice President; Robin Butterfield, Treasurer; and Lorraine Edmo, Secretary.

New NIEA board members who were elected by mail ballot and seated during the 21st Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, recently include: Donna Rhodes, Creek Nation; Lorraine Edmo, Shoshone-Bannock; Barbara Abrahams, Tonawanda-Seneca; and Art Hill, Cheyenne-Arapaho. Five student board members were elected by fellow student delegates during the conference.

Outgoing board members include two-term president Ed Parisien, Karen Fenton; Marion Boushie; and Loren "Bum" Stiffarm.

Winners of the Department of Education's Exemplary Schools award for outstanding Indian education programs included: Red Lake Band of Chippewas, Red Lake, Minn.; Bay City Public Schools, Bay City, Mich.; South Bend Community School, South Bend, Ind.; Juneau School District, Juneau, Alaska; National Indian Youth Leadership Project, Gallup, N.M.; Denver Indian Preschool Project, Denver, Colo.; Moore Public Schools, Moore, Okla.; and Coweta Public Schools, Coweta, Kenneth Childers, Indian Education director.

Jimboy Descendants Reunion is Successful-

Dear Creek Nation News,

Thank you so much for printing notice of the family reunion for descendants of Newton Jimboy and Molly Anna Harjo Jimboy, Jim Barnett and Melissa Kanard Harjo. The reunion was held August 19 at the residence of Melissa K. Harjo. The Paul and Amanda (Barnett) Jimboy family served as hosts of the reunion. The most spectacular and amusing event of the day was Louis Harjo participating in the sack races. We understand Aunt Lucinda is still laughing.

During the family introductions, Judy St. Arnold confused everyone by thanking them for coming to her birthday party. Judy took advantage and at least got a few Birthday wishes and we all did sing "Happy Birthday" to her and others who had August birthdays.

The devotional service was conducted by Felix Tiger. The First Annual Reunion was a tremendous success; we had a wonderful time seeing and chatting with old relatives and getting acquainted with relatives we had not met.

The Paul and Amanda (deceased) Jimboy family members who attended were; Paul Jimboy of Okemah; Deanna Elm and daughter Dina of Dallas; Valentino Elm of Lubbock; Wanda Leflore and daughter Paula of Lawrence; John and Pauline Marie Faubion and daughters Kelly and Karey of Richardson, TX; Dale and Judy St. Arnold and children Sammy and Christina of Odgen, UT; Edna Jimboy and sons Michael and J.D. Bowers of Okemah; Stanley and Joann Birdcreek and sons Bryan, Elliot and Paul of Tulsa; Ronnie Jimboy of Okemah; Richard Jimboy and Grace Freeman of Buffalo, OK; and Ray Jimboy of Ft. Riley, KS.

Other family members who attended were; from Okemah- Melissa Kanard Harjo, Joseph Anderson, Louis and Lucinda Harjo, Lou (Fixico) Tilley and children, Dave Yargee, and Rebecca (Yargee) Stroud; from Clearview- Jennie (Jimboy) Fixico, George and Joyce (Hale) Fixico and children; from Beggs- Eliza (Harjo) Berryhill, Donald

Berryhill, and Rosie (Berryhill) Tyler; from Tulsa- Dora (Harjo) Taylor and children, and Sherry (Hicks) Harjo; from Okmulgee- Leonard Berryhill and daughter Rosie; from Oklahoma City- Robert Fixico, Julio and Helen (Fixico) Ramirez and children; Lindell Berryhill and daughter Christine of Morris; Freda (Berryhill) McGinley and children of Yukon; Jackie and Carol (Berryhill) Pendergrass and children of Sapulpa; Joe Wallace and Nancy Bruner of Haysville, KS; Felix Tiger of Stonewall; Chester and Kitty Jimboy Chotkey and children of Jenks; and from Lamar- Jerry and Debbie (Bruner) Little and children, and Joe McGirt. The final head count was eighty-one attending.

Hopefully those who could not attend this year will be able to come next year.

Again, we thank you in helping to announce our reunion to more of our relatives.

Marie Faubion Okis
The Jimboy Family



What is Treatment?

By Negiel Bigpond,
Coordinator/Counselor,
Alcohol & Substance Abuse
CN Community Hospital

STATEMENT: Treatment is no longer a place to simply be put away & dried out.

DEFINITION FOR NATIVE AMERICAN TREATMENT CENTER FOR WOMEN & MEN:

- 1) Individual Counseling
- 2) Group Counseling
- 3) Alcohol/Drug Counseling
- 4) Traditional Counseling
- 5) Cultural Awareness
- 6) A.A. Meetings
- 7) Development of Self-confidence-assertiveness
- 8) Family Relations: The battered woman, parenting, family violence, co-dependence & enabling the alcoholic.
- 9) Independent living skills
- 10) Spiritual - includes Native American Church attendance
- 11) Social Skills
- 12) Psychological testing & evaluation
- 13) Consultation with a psychologist (if needed)
- 14) Medical examinations
- 15) Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

ADMISSIONS: Interested persons may call and/or walk into our facility. The Creek Nation Substance Abuse Program makes referrals to Tribal & Non-Tribal facilities. Requirements are: CDIB, Social Security, Driver's license, or some type of ID. Confidentiality is a must.

FINAL STATEMENT: IT IS HONORABLE TO SEEK HELP, NOT DISHONORABLE.

CONTACT: Negiel Bigpond, Counselor, Creek Nation Human Service/Alcohol Program, P.O. Box 228 - 309 N. 14th St. Okemah, OK. 74859, phone 918/623-1424, ext. 276.



CN Elderly Nutrition Thanksgiving Day Dinner Schedule

Eufaula Center - Nov. 16th
Coweta Center - Nov. 21st
Bristow Center - Nov. 22nd
Dewar Center - Nov. 22nd
Okmulgee Center - Nov. 22nd
Wetumka Center - Nov. 22nd
***Note: No Veterans Day Dinner is Scheduled.**



VISITING THE NATION'S CAPITOL is this group of local Creek Youth and sponsors, which include front row, left to right, Melissa Culley, Zac Anderson, and Monty Bunny; and back row, left to right, Dana Yeahquo, Vanessa Hill, Rose Mary Ashley, CN Youth Services, Jerry Wilson, OSU Tech, Victor Pointer and Vicki Carpenter, CN Division of Community Services.

CN Youth Council Report

By Rose Mary Ashley, CN Youth Services Department

The Youth Council Project is progressing forward in establishing Youth Councils at high schools throughout the Creek Nation. Presentations are being made describing the project to students and organizational assistance is being given where requested. We look forward to working with all the students. Remember, you, the youth, are our future leaders and we urge you to take a stand in your school as well as your community. Use your leadership skills in establishing your Youth Council.

Youth Services Department personnel and several Creek youth attended a Minority Enterprise Development Conference in Washington, D.C., October 2-5. This trip was funded through a grant awarded to OSU Tech for an economic development project written by Mr. Jerry Wilson, OSU Instructor and Creek Nation Council Representative from Tulsa District. The purpose of this trip was to expose our Creek youth to economic development concepts and entrepreneurship as a career choice. Mr. Wilson allowed funding for the Youth Services Department to select three Creek high school youth to participate in this trip.

The Youth Services Department funded one student. Those Creeks students attending were: Zac Anderson (Holdenville), Melissa Culley (Mason), Danna Yeahquo (Coweta) and Vanessa Hill (Eufaula). A Creek OSU Tech student from Henryetta, Monty Bunny, also attended this conference. Chaperones for the trip included Mr. Wilson, Vicki Carpenter (Director of the Division

of Community Services) and Rose Mary Ashley (Youth Services Department). This was the first time most of the students had ever flown, so it made for a very exciting trip.

This Creek youth delegation was the only minority group representing Indians at this conference. On Tuesday of this trip, the students attended a day-long tribute entitled "Salute to Minority Youth-Preparing for the Future as an Employee...Employer." Activities included special presentations by various agency personnel that were held in the Auditorium of the U.S. Department of Commerce. A luncheon was held in honor of the youth which featured several guest speakers who are minority business owners. That afternoon, the youth attended workshops pertaining to business ownership, as well as the Trade Fair which featured approximately 400 minority business booths. This gave the youth an opportunity to obtain information and discuss issues pertaining to minority-owned businesses. That evening, a Congressional Reception was held at the Russell Building which was sponsored by the Economic Development Administration Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

On Wednesday, one of the Creek youth, Monty Bunny, was selected to attend a Presidential Reception held at the White House. This was quite an experience for him to attend because President Bush spoke at this gathering. Monty took several good pictures of the President at this reception.

Other highlights of the trip included a site-seeing trip to the Capitol, a shopping spree at Union Station, a tour of the Smithsonian Space Museum, and a visit to the Arlington National Cemetery and Georgetown. While at the Capitol, the students had the opportunity to observe Senate discussions pertaining to the flag burning issue.

One eye-opening experience for everyone on this trip was the "Metro" or subway system. The students and chaperones became very well versed in the use of this transportation system. Overall, it was quite an eventful and educational trip for these students.

On behalf of the Creek Nation, we would like to express our gratitude to Oklahoma State Tech and Mr. Jerry Wilson for providing these students with the opportunity to attend this conference. Education trips such as this are very much needed to complete a well-rounded development of every student.

NOTICE

The Okmulgee Dental Clinic's next scheduled Adult Sign-Up is November 9, 1989 (Thursday). Friday the 10th is a Holiday and the Clinic will be closed. A limited number of appointments will be given out on a first come, first serve basis, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Only one appointment will be given per person. No dental work will be performed on the sign-up day. No appointments will be given out by phone.



CREEK TEACHER HONORED WITH RETIREMENT FESTIVITIES

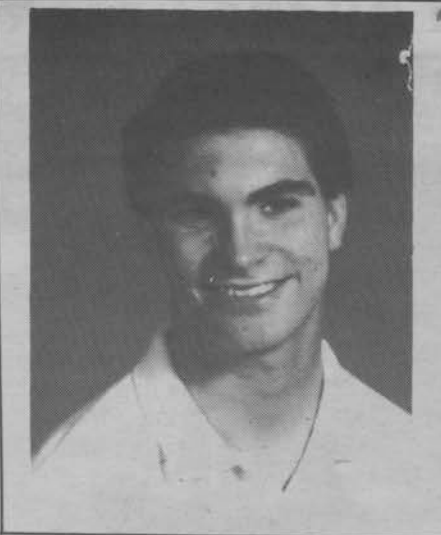
Mrs. Alyce Fleetwood, Creek school teacher, was honored for her twenty-one years of service to the Leonard School system, recently during retirement festivities held in her honor.

Mrs. Fleetwood has been a teacher for thirty-five years. The presentation was made by Dr. Dale Janda, Deputy Tulsa County School Superintendent.

Of those thirty-five years of teaching, nine were spent in Okmulgee county. Mrs. Fleetwood taught secondary education for twelve years after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Southeastern State University. She then did graduate study at Northeastern State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. She then taught first and second grade for twenty-three years.

Among her accomplishments, in addition to regular classroom teaching, she was honored for sponsoring cheerleading, the 4-H Club, the Leonard Lion Newspaper, the seventh and eighth grade Self-Image club. She also served on the Tulsa County Drug Alcohol Abuse Early Intervention Committee, OEA representative, local textbook committee and chairperson for staff development. She was also honored as a nominee for "Teacher of the Year" in 1985 sponsored by Facet Enterprise.

Mrs. Fleetwood is proud of her Indian heritage: "I have learned many things in life; however, the one that should be considered the most important is that you do not have to come from a rich-monetary heritage in order to have the proper values, discipline and goals in life. I am proud to read in your past editions of the "Creek Nation News" that so many of our Indian youth are fulfilling the necessities for a proper education. The minority youth of today can and will meet the challenge and succeed," she said.



Creek Athlete Picked AAU All-American

Brad Harris, Yuchi, was named a highschool All-American by the Amateur Athletic Union. Harris, son of Robert and Carol Harris, Great Bend, Kansas, attends the local high school and is an outstanding track and field athlete. Major colleges have already begun recruiting Harris, a senior. Included among them are; Florida, Nebraska, Georgia, Southern Methodist, Tennessee and Kansas State.

Brad's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Harris of Plainville, Ks. and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Art Record of Pickett Prairie. He also has lots of relatives in the Sapulpa area.

Dear Creek Citizens:

I wish to thank every person who received and read my last letter and also those who cast their vote for me. Although I was the leading candidate in the field of three, the long, hard battle has not yet been won. Your continued support is asked for the run-off election.

I have also thought long and hard about writing this letter. I enjoyed having the opportunity to represent you the last two years and look forward to a successful and progressive second term.

For the past 18 years, we have seen our tribe progress from nothing to become a stable and well respected government. The growth that has prevailed has also presented difficult problems. We are now facing serious obstacles which, if not addressed, could result in the loss of everything we have gained. It is with this in mind that I have made my decision to, in the near future, write each of you a letter to inform you of the serious issues we face. I will also personally contact as many as possible to discuss these matters with you.

Without a doubt, our problems must be confronted realistically with sound decision making capabilities rather than with extreme political emotionalism.

As always, I will faithfully serve you, the Creek citizens, and will never cast a vote without giving serious thought to its effect on all tribal members.

Thank you again. I respectfully ask for your vote by absentee ballot or at the polls on December 2, 1989.

**Harvey Gilroy, Councilmember
Okmulgee District- Seat A**

—NOTICE—

The Creek Nation Communication Department has computerized the Muscogee Nation News mailing list. In the future we will only maintain a current mailing list. Any names and address returned by the Post Office will be eliminated from our list, and no record will exist of that person, as we will no longer keep a hard copy file on each reader.

It will be the responsibility of the reader to inform the Communication Dept. of any address change. The reader must include their Creek Roll Number when requesting to be added to the mailing list.

Due to postage and printing costs the MNN will be mailed one per household even though there maybe more than one enrolled person at that address.

CREEKS AMONG FFA FAIR WINNERS

Several members of the Weleetka Chapter of FFA took honors at the Okfuskee County Free Fair held recently in Okemah.

Taking top honors for their livestock were: Alan Adkins-showing the Grand Champion Market Swine and Grand Champion Gilt; in the Lamb Division, Martha Starkey had the reserve grand market lamb and ewe; Jennie Fisher showed the breed champ Hampshire wether; and Mara Starkey showed the breed champion crossbred ewe.

Also winning honors in the cattle division were Jerome Roberts, grand champion; Kenny Jennings, reserve grand champion prospect Simmetal heifer(also winner of the breed championship); Matthew Roberts, breed champion Limousin; and Walter McElyea, reserve breed cross heifer.

Rev.Lee Chupco Honored at Tulsa Indian Methodist Church November 2-



REVEREND LEE CHUPCO AND WIFE, HELEN, ATTEND AN APPRECIATION DINNER held in Tulsa, honoring the Reverend's 44 years in the Methodist ministry.

An Appreciation Dinner was held for retired Methodist minister, Rev. Lee Chupco, Thursday, November 2 at the Tulsa Indian Methodist Church.

The event was sponsored by a group of Indian Methodist ministers who have worked with Rev. Chupco over the years.

Rev. Chupco, 75, was a pastor

for nearly 44 years. He most recently pastored at Fife Memorial Church in Muskogee for eleven years.

Twenty ministers and their families attended the dinner, with several long-time friends and associates speaking about the Reverend's many years of service.



**200 Years of Census Taking
APRIL 1- CENSUS DAY!**



"Red Ribbon Week" Supported by the Creek Nation-

Photos by Elliot Barnett

In support of the activities of "Red Ribbon Week" held recently throughout the area, as a stance against drug abuse, the Creek Nation did its part for a drug-free society.

Eighteen Indian running club members gathered at the Tribal Capitol Complex in the early hours of October 20 to make a symbolic run to their destination in downtown Tulsa's Bartlett Square, where Principal Chief Claude Cox read a proclamation from the Creek Nation in support of "Red Ribbon Week" activities. The proclamation read:

Whereas, the Creek Nation of Oklahoma supports the Red Ribbon Week activities for a drug free society, and

Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma has formed a declaration of war on drugs and other substances used by our Indian people, and

Whereas, our Creek people have proven their dedication and pledges against alcohol and substance abuse by supporting such drug and alcohol free societies, and

Now Therefore, Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma pledges to dedicate itself to join in on this drug free society so that we may reach out to help our people fight in the war against such drugs of alcohol abuse, and

Furthermore, be it proclaimed that I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature as a pledge of the tribe's dedication for the betterment of mankind, and invite from this day forward, others from all sovereign nations to join us in this worthwhile endeavor to save our society.



-JTPA NOTICE-

The Creek Nation JTPA Program is taking Spring applications for the Spring Trimester at Oklahoma State Technical Branch, Okmulgee, from November 1 to December 28th. For further application information, contact the CN JTPA Program at 756-8700.



PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX READS A PROCLAMATION OF CREEK NATION'S SUPPORT for "Red Ribbon Week" October 20-27 area activities for a drug-free society. The Chief is shown at Bartlett Square in downtown Tulsa, the site of ceremonies focusing on support for the Red Ribbon Week campaign. Members of the Red Deer Running Club look on.



RIISING EARLY IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF OCTOBER 20, did not dampen the enthusiasm of these young Indian runners who gathered at the Complex for a symbolic run to wage war on drugs and other substances which have devastated and to continue to devastate our Indian people.

NEED AN INFANT CAR SEAT? THEY ARE NOW AVAILABLE AS LOANERS FOR A \$10 DEPOSIT FROM THE CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM. CONTACT STEVEN LANDSBERRY.



—IN THE NEWS—

THIRD ANNUAL COUNCIL OAK COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES OCTOBER 22, TULSA

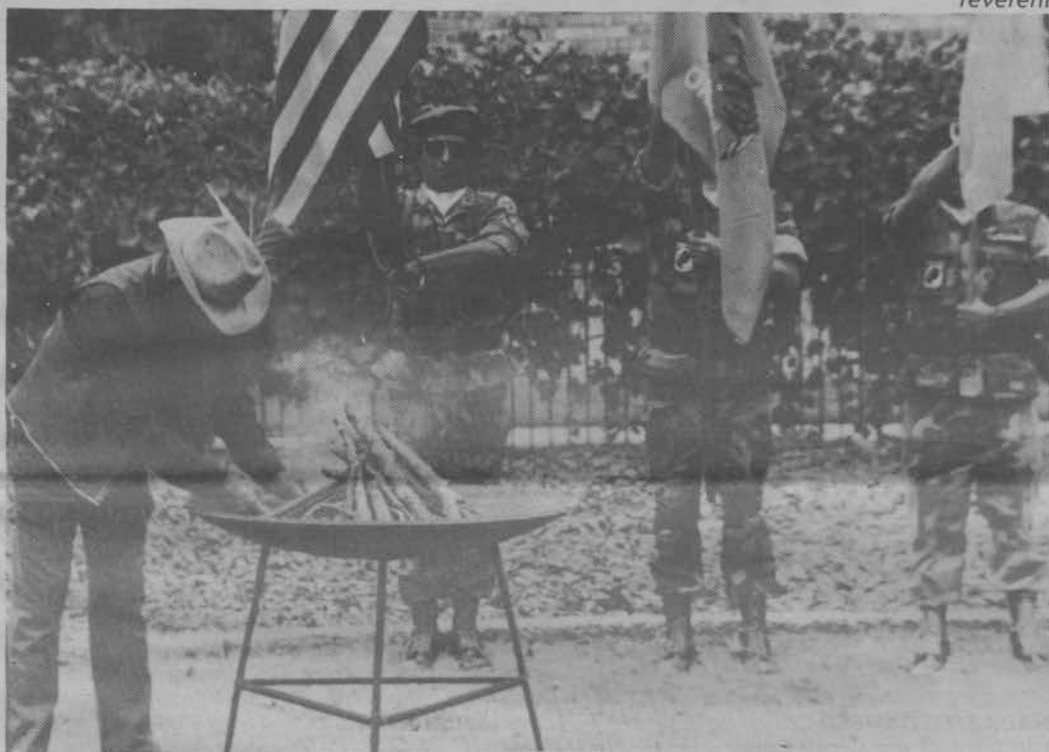
-Photos by Elliot Barnett

The Third Annual Council Oak Commemoration Ceremonies were held Sunday, October 22 at Council Oak Park, Cheyenne and Eighteenth Street in Tulsa. After the lighting of the sacred fire, activities were held at Boulder Park, which included a Creek traditional Stickball Game and a Stompdance. Newman Littlebear, Committee member of the Kellyville Stompground, lit the symbolic sacred fire.

The special ceremony commemorated the carrying of the sacred fire ashes from the Creek's ancestral homeland in Alabama to Locapoka tribal town in what is now present-day Tulsa.



CREEK COUNCILMEMBERS, Creek ceremonial representatives and Dignitaries bow reverently as the Invocation is given during the opening ceremony.



NEWMAN LITTLEBEAR, KELLYVILLE STOMPGROUND, lights the Sacred Fire as the VEV Muscogee Chapter Honor Guard look on.



CREEK STOMPGROUNDS REPRESENTATIVES observe the Opening Ceremonies of the Council Oak Commemoration.



A GAME OF TRADITIONAL CREEK STICKBALL was played at Boulder Park as part of Council Oak ceremonies.



CREEK STOMPDANCERS participated in the Commemoration.



September 29-30 Event Held on Historic Council House Square:

Council House Museum Hosts Second Annual Art Market 1989 in Okmulgee-

The Second Annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market, sponsored by the Creek Council House Museum, was held September 29-30 on the grounds of the historic Creek Council House in downtown Okmulgee. The Art Market featured Indian artists demonstrating their traditional and contemporary art, a Stompdance competition, an intertribal Pow-wow, Indian fashion show, a teepee construction by Creek Vernon Courtwright, lots of Indian food and a special performance by the award-winning Aztec traditional dancers of Colorado.



EVERYONE PARTICIPATED in the Intertribal Pow-Wow held Saturday evening on the Council House Square. The Arena Director was Gene Hunter. Marcy Skeeter, Creek, was the Head Lady Dancer. John Haney, Jr., Creek, was the Head Little Boy Dancer and Head Little Girl Dancer was Johnna Gibson, Creek.

—Photo by Gary Robinson



TRADITIONAL AZTEC DANCER Carlos Castaneda, performs the Fire Dance in front of the Creek Council House during the Art Market. Castaneda is a member of the traveling dance troupe "Grupo Tlaloc" which performs extensively throughout North America, preserving and teaching traditional Aztec culture.



FROM THE YOUNGEST TO THE OLDEST, everyone who participated in the Stompdance Competition, Friday evening on the Square, enjoyed themselves. Thomas Berryhill, Jr. was Master of Ceremonies for the Stompdance Competition. Shown above in the background are Creek stompdancers, Tema Tiger, left and Earl Wheeler. Creeks Barton and Rita Williams were in charge of the Registration for the Stompdance.

—Photo by Gary Robinson



AT THE DRUM DURING THE POW-WOW ARE, LEFT TO RIGHT, Tony Arkeketa, Berwin Moses and Creek George Coser. The Intertribal Pow-Wow was held at the intersection of Sixth and Morton on the Creek Council House Square.



DANA TIGER, RENOWNED CREEK ARTIST, is shown at her booth at the Art Market. Dana, the daughter of the late legendary artist Jerome Tiger, was the featured artist for the 1989 Indian Art Market poster. She has also donated her work in support of the Creek Council House Restoration project and the Oklahoma Indian Art Market. Dana was one of several well-known Indian artists who displayed at the Market. Among the Creek artists present were Sandy Fife Wilson, Woodrow Haney, Jay McGirt, Jon Tiger, Kenneth Burgess, and Thomas Berryhill Jr.

—Photo by Elliot Barnett



EVENTS



THE CREEK NATION HEADSTART CELEBRATED NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK October 9-13. The children of the Okmulgee Headstart, shown above, visited the Central Okmulgee Fire Department and had officer Washington Cummings speak to the class. The visit was in keeping with the goals set for the Creek Nation Headstart centers- making learning an exciting experience.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett



GLENPOOL INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICERS ARE SHOWN, left to right, Chiquita Smith, Secretary, Billie Childers, Vice-Chairman, Pauline Haney, Treasurer, Jim Wilde, Sargeant-At-Arms and Irene Van Buskirk, Chairperson. Also shown are Tulsa District National Council Members; far left, Kenneth Childers; Donna Rhodes, front left, and Jerry Wilson, far right. The Election was held October 10 at the Glenpool Community Center.

Agencies Meet to Develop Action Plan

By Negiel Bigpond, CN Alcoholism Program

On October 27, several agencies (DHS, and Local authorities, school counselors and tribal counselors) came together to develop an action plan to help the children in the Okemah Community with a support system to deal with substance abuse, suicide, crime and dropouts through group meetings, outings and sports related activities.

Topics were brought up were: Intervention, Prevention, Parenting Skills, suicide, teen pregnancy, drop-out rate, school suspension, and seeing the number one problem is adolescent depression.

Ideas for the support system included: Officers to re-enforce the School system, church involvement, family education, parent groups, AA meetings, home intervention, culture and history, also volunteer help.

First step is to inform the adolescents that this support group is available for them.

There is a great need for a building and volunteers to appropriately work with and provide the support needed by the adolescents in the Okemah area.

Those interested persons should contact the Okemah School system, Creek Nation or the Local Okemah Authorities.

REVIVAL
Pickett Chapel
Methodist Church
Nov. 15, 16, & 17
7:30 p.m. nightly

—NOTICE—

The Creek Nation Head Start program announces it's participation in the Child Care Food Program. All children in attendance will be offered the same meals at no separate charge and with no physical segregation of, or other discrimination against any child because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap. The Child Care Food Program is an equal opportunity program. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap, write immediately to the State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs Division, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

This statement applies to the Center(s) listed below: Yeager, Eufaula, Okmulgee and Sapulpa.



COMMUNITY NEWS

DEADLINE
The Deadline for the Muscogee Nation News December Issue is November 17 or the third Friday of the Month.

Bemo Church Events-

The dates for upcoming events for the Bemo Church are as follows: November 26- Thanksgiving; December 24- Christmas Eve; December 31st- New Year's Eve and Watch Night until 12 p.m.

Come one and all- everyone welcome.

Deacon Chebon Whitecloud

Creek Artist Exhibits In Joplin Art Show-

Jon Tiger, Creek artist from Eufaula, recently exhibited in Joplin, and received a Second Place in the overall exhibitors category. He received a plaque and a cash award in the Ninth Annual American Indian Images show.

Birth Announcement-

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sampson of Hollywood, CA. are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, on October 8, 1989. Her name is Ta-fv Mae Sampson and she weighed 7lbs 11oz. Grandparents are the Romanos of New York and the late Will "Sonny" Sampson. Great-grandparents are Mabel Hill of Okmulgee, and Wylie Sampson of Beggs. Her great aunts are Vena Randall and Norma Sampson of Okmulgee, OK. Welcome, Ta-Fv Mae!

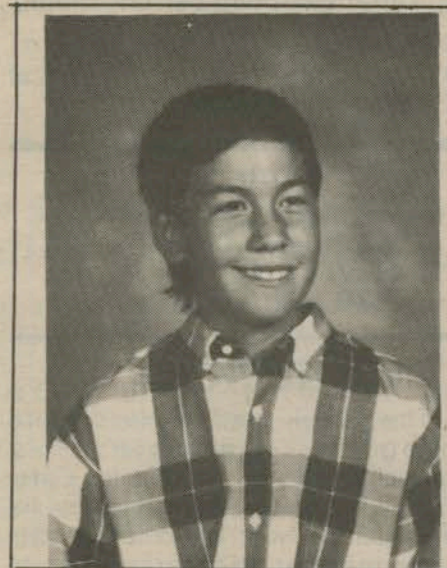
Creek Nation Employees Recognized-



A RETIREMENT RECEPTION WAS HELD AT THE COMPLEX SEPTEMBER 29 for two long-time Creek Nation employees, Helen Coon, right, and Joanna Thomas, left. Chief Cox is shown above with both, presenting them with a Plaque of Appreciation for their dedicated service to the Nation and Creek people. Helen, Indian Child Welfare Coordinator, is retiring after seventeen years of service. Joanna, Supervisor of the Community Health Representative program, is leaving after fifteen years of service to the Creek Nation. Both will be greatly missed.

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

Creek Nation Represented at Region 8 Rodeo-



TODD "BUBBA" JESSE

Todd "Bubba" Jesse, Creek youth of Konawa, Ok. represented the Creek Nation at the All Indian Region 8 Championship Rodeo Finals in Tahlequah, OK. in September.

Bubba won the title of Region 8 Championship Steer Rider. He took home a Belt Buckle, \$100 in prize money and many other gifts that went along with winning the title.

Bubba has been very busy this summer rodeoing, and has gone to the pay window at every rodeo he competed in. He was also the

Champion Steer Rider at the Creek Nation Rodeo this past June, where he took home a belt buckle and \$135. in prize money. Bubba is seventh grader at Konawa Jr. High School and is the son of Dale Jesse of Konawa, the grandson of the late Ben Jesse of Bowlegs and the great nephew of Rev. George Jesse of Sasakwa.

Creek Woman Earns Degree

Pennie Checotah-Betsillie, daughter of Ann and Mark Betsillie of Tulsa and great-granddaughter of Chief Checotah, graduated from the University of Tulsa in May with a Bachelor's degree in Art History.

Checotah-Betsillie, who was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, a business sorority for women, is pursuing another bachelor's degree at TU.

CN Community Health Program Notes:

If your children are still in need of vision screening, it is still going on, according to Steven Landsberry, Manager of the Creek Nation Community Health Representatives program. Call the Department at 756-8700 for further information.

Also, the CN CHR's now have new identification name tags that they will be wearing as they go about their duties.

SCOTT'S REUNION

The descendants of Daniel Scott, John Scott, and Bennie B. Scott held a reunion at Artussee Indian Baptist Church. Noon meal was served in the Fellowship Hall with grace given by Rev. Luke McIntosh Sr.

There was a program after the meal with Welcome address by Lillie Scott McIntosh; Roll call by families, Awards- Bessie Scott Lara and Lillie Scott McIntosh; Farthest distance- Jackson Scott from Medford, Oregon; Shortest Distance- Susie C. Scott; One with the Most Children- Mercedes Scott Barnett. The Honored Guest was Susie Scott; Greetings to Honored Guest by Jacquelin Lara Tahbone; Closing Prayer by Eddie Lara and games followed the program.

Attending were; Sam and Ethel Scott, Blanchard, Ok; Samuel N. and Susie Scott, same; Lynda, Carla, Consuelo, Gerald II and Josh Scott, Chickasha, OK; Jonathan, Lucinda, Kadin and Austin Scott, Norman, OK; Vance and Tamie Foust, same.

Siah and Lillie Scott McIntosh, and Helena Girod and grandson, Daniel Krul, and Delores, Buster, Joetta and Micheal Mazingo, all of Tulsa; Joan and Adreanne Grider, Glenpool, OK; John Daniel and Lori McIntosh, Tulsa.

Luke McIntosh, Sr, Eufaula; Luke Jr., Janie, Nicole and Jennifer McIntosh, Norman; Charles, Mona, Todd, Tara, Daniel, David and Lace Ann McIntosh, Tulsa.

Jackson and Frances Scott, Medford, Ore.; Bessie and Eddie Lara, Eufaula; Gwen, David and Jesse Layman, Eufaula; Nancy, Lindy, Christina, Garen Ross and J.R. Chanate, Texas; Jacquelin, Raymond, Nikki and Raymond Tahbone Jr.; Texas; Barbara, Brenda, and Denise Woodard; Texas; Pamela and Sylvia Ann Garcia, Texas.

Mercedes, Gwendolyn, Tammy Sue Barnett, Morris and Scott Bahe, Eufaula; Darrell, Karen, Marcus, Manual, Dee Lynn, Esther, and Mindy Barnett, Tulsa; Fred. Socorro, Jonathan, and Sherrie Barnett, Canadian; Eddie Barnett, Eufaula; Bruce, Juan, and Krystal Barnett, Tulsa; Sally, Shawn, Richard, Sonya, and Brian Rouch, Tulsa.

Jo Ellen and John T. Scott Jr., Norman and Angela Rena Brown, Vian; Susie and Cindy Scott, Eufaula; Tom, Judith, Sheridan and Judd Pickering, Eufaula.

Anyone needing addresses of the above, contact Lillie McIntosh at 1328 N. Braden, Tulsa, OK 74115.



CREEK STUDENT WILLIAM BRAY and Stuart Tonemah of the Native American Education Training Program at Oklahoma City University.

Creek Among Participants of Gifted and Talented Teacher Training Program

Oklahoma City University is home to the Nation's first ever American Indian Teacher Training Program for the gifted and talented, enabling ten Native American educators to pursue Master of Education degrees with an emphasis on gifted and talented education as it relates to Indian Education.

Among the ten program participants are, William L. Bray, West Lebanon, New Hampshire, who is Creek.

Selection for the participants was from a pool of 24 nationally recruited educators based on competition including a three-

page essay on educational and career goals, a philosophical statement on education, gifted and talented education and Indian education, and their college transcripts.

Grant administrator and OCU adjunct professor of education, Stuart Tonemah explained how degree completion will benefit the program participants- "A Master of Education degree will enhance participants opportunities to pursue career choices, improve placement options and vary the levels and areas by which Indian gifted and talented children are taught."

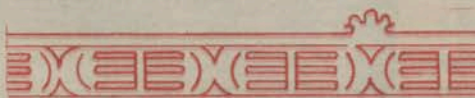


Eleesha Boone

Creek Cowgirl Named "Rookie of the Year" By Rodeo Association

E.C. Eleesha Boone, the daughter of Connie and Kaye Boone of Stidham, and granddaughter of Tecumseh B. Boone, Oklahoma City, has made "Rookie of the Year" in the Cowboy Regional Rodeo Association. She finished 10th in the top 15. She travels around Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas competing in seventeen rodeos on her horse "Hi Performance Jack."

E.C. competed in barrel racing at the CRRF Finals at the Tulsa State Fair. She was the youngest competitor. She is a sophomore at Eufaula High and a member of the First Baptist Church.



OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS-

Okmulgee Indian Community held its monthly meeting on October 9. They celebrated their 12th Anniversary with a dinner. After a delicious dinner, Chiquita McNac introduced Bernice Hale and Chief Cox who each said a few words about the progress of the Okmulgee Indian Community. Bernice Hale was at one time the Chairman of the OIC. The present officers of the Community were presented with Corsages and boutonnieres. Cora Derrisaw was recognized and honored as being active in the OIC since it was originated. A special presentation was made to Chiquita McNac for her time and talent for the good she has done for our Community these 12 years.

We would like to thank those who decorated the building for this celebration.

Matt Tiger, Chairman, opened the meeting, calling on Peter McNac, for the Invocation. Minutes were read by the Secretary and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. Transportation to the Voting Polls was discussed. The volunteers to transport were: Chiquita McNac, Ned Hodge, Bernice Hale, Jean Berryhill, and Mrs. Charlie Litsey. Campaign speeches were made by five candidates running for Okmulgee Representatives. Candidates in attendance were: Harvey Gilroy, Tony Hale, Charlie Litsey, Clifton Hill and Floyd Jones. Meeting was adjourned and Clifton Hill gave the benediction. Next OIC meeting will be November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

News From CN Princess Janita Screechow



Creek Nation Princess Janita Screechow attended various events this past month which included the Chickasaw Nation Princess Pageant, Oklahoma Indian Art Market, C.N. Council Youth Rally, a dance honoring Miss Indian Oklahoma and

a JOM Program at Porter, OK.

Janita was also crowned 1989 Oklahoma Young Miss of America this past spring, which entitled her to attend the National Young Miss of America Pageant in Hawaii in August, where she placed 5th in the Nation. She was also a top contender for the title of "Miss Creek County" but dropped out of the competition, when she took over the duties of Creek Nation Princess.

Janita is a 17 year old Senior at Sapulpa High School, where she is active in the Band, FFA and an Honor Student.

Dear Princess Committee:

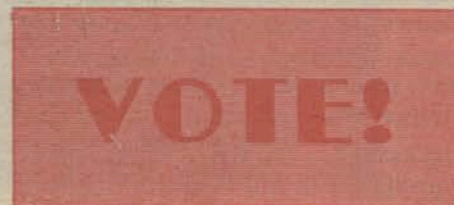
I really did enjoy the Chickasaw Princess Pageants. There were only three contestants. This was the first year for their Little Miss Princess Pageant and it was a success, there were six contestants. The 1989-90 Princess is Cheri Bellefeuille and the Little Miss Princess is Summer Stick.

I think it would be great if the Creek Nation would have a Little Miss and Junior Miss Pageants as well. Then our Creek girls will be

well prepared when they're old enough to enter the Princess Pageant. I've often wondered why we don't have princess pageants for the younger girls. I know there must be a reason why we don't, because it surely must have been considered at sometime.

If we can't afford it and the Princess Committee would give me permission to raise the funds for at least a Junior Miss Pageant, I would be honored to do this for the young girls of my tribe. Please discuss this matter at your next committee meeting. I want to do my best to promote the Princess Pageant so that more girls will enter.

Sincerely,
Janita- CN Princess



General Election- Dec. 2

Creek Appointed to Bailiff's Association

Donna Beaver has been selected as a representative to the newly formed Oklahoma State Bailiff's Association for Judicial Districts 1 and 24.

Beaver will coordinate and organize bailiff activities for Cimarron, Harper and Texas counties that compose District 1 and for Creek, Okfuskee and Okmulgee Counties in District 24.

Bailiffs are court appointed officers that have custody of juries and prisoners while court is in session. They are also responsible for maintaining order in the courtroom. Beaver, a legal secretary for Okmulgee County District Court Judge Ann Moroney, has been a bailiff for six years. She was appointed bailiff by Moroney.

Beaver is the daughter of Lane Morgan, Muscogee Nation Court Clerk, and Don Beaver of Broken Arrow. She is the granddaughter of the late Amos Beaver, a member of the House of Kings.

Donna is an Okmulgee resident.



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF:
FAITH CHANDRA COONHEAD
a minor child,

WALLACE GAMBLER and
ESSIE VERLAYNE GAMBLER,
Petitioners

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADOPTION
AND APPLICATION FOR ORDER
DETERMINING CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION
WITHOUT CONSENT OF NATURAL FATHER

THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: THE UNKNOWN
FATHER OF
FAITH CHANDRA COONHEAD

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Petitioners have filed with this Court a Petition, in which they seek a Decree of Adoption of FAITH CHANDRA COONHEAD, a minor child, AND an Order determining that the said child was born out of wedlock and the natural father being unknown and no claim to paternity having been made, that the said child, Faith Chandra Coonhead, is eligible for adoption without your consent.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this Court will hear the evidence relating to the Petition and Application at 10:00 a.m. on the 18th day of December, 1989, at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Court in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

If you have any cause to show why the adoption should not be granted by the Court or why FAITH CHANDRA COONHEAD is not eligible for adoption without your consent, you should appear and present the same at the time and place described above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and seal on this 27th day of October, 1989.

Patrick E. Moore
Judge

CN Supreme Court Upholds Election Board Ruling on National Council Candidate-

In other Creek District Court action, a protest was filed by Dorothy L. Burden, a candidate for a seat C (Okfuskee District) on the National Council, against her opponent, Hepsie Mae Jackson.

The protest concerned Jackson's residency in Okfuskee County.

The Creek Nation Election Board had voted to uphold the eligibility of candidate Hepsie Mae Jackson.

The gist of the protest was that candidate Jackson did not reside within the district in which she was a candidate.

After the CN Election Board ruling, Burden appealed to the tribal court.

The matter was resolved in the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, with an Order handed down stating- "The Supreme Court has jurisdiction in this matter and hereby confirms the decision of the Election Board with the following recommendations: That the National Council

needs to address the duration of residency requirements for National Council candidates; and revise the filing time to allow time for proper appeals before elections." The order was signed by Chief Justice Michael Flud, Justice Willard Pitman, Justice Clarence Douglas, Justice Joe Johnson and Justice Elliot Howe.



Four Volume Sets of CN Videos Available-

Creek Nation Video Programs are now available for purchase in a four volume set for \$50 or \$12.50 each. There will no longer be a two to four week delay in filling orders for video tapes as was necessary in the past. Tapes can be purchased in the Communications Department or by mail. Call 918/756-8700 ext. 310 for more information.

Tulsa Bingo Employee Recipient of William E. Foster Memorial Award-

The 1989 winner of the William E. Foster Memorial Award for "Bingo Employee of the Year" was received recently by Frances Mesnard, Creek. The Jenks resident is a supervisor of the office counter department at the Tulsa bingo facility and has worked for the Tribe for three years.

The award is sponsored by the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Commission and was renamed for Bill Foster, former head of the OIGC and Gaming Commissioner for Creek Nation, before his death in September.

Other Creek Nation Bingo employees among the twenty nominees for the award, include: Clint Benson, Okmulgee; Todd Kauley, Checotah; and Lorene Lewis, Eufaula.

Letter from Ernest Best-

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

Our commitment to the Lord is fully revealed in what we are willing to do and what we are willing to sacrifice for Him. James said, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou has faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." James 2:17-18.

Brother Phil Lawrence and I started to Canada on August 31st. He was to take care of the music on this tour. We began our second annual City Wide Indian Crusade in Prince Albert, Sask., on Sunday, September the 3rd. We were blessed with good crowds and services each night. There were 10 professions of faith and many others coming for prayer and commitment.

We finished in Prince Albert on Sunday morning and began a revival on Sunday night in Cochin, Sask., which is some distance to the west. The church was full each night. We had good services with many coming for prayer and two ladies saved.

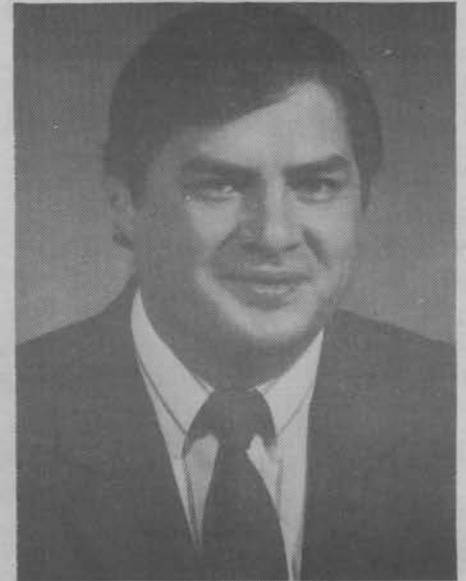
This church had been without a pastor for a number of years, but now has a young Creek Indian man, Brother Richie Beaver, from Eufaula, as pastor. Please pray for this young man and his family. They have a three year old son. It isn't an easy place to live. They have to haul all their water from a town which is about 20 miles away. They are facing a winter which gets 20 to 40 degrees below zero after leaving mild Oklahoma. And, they don't have all their support and they are in a country where gasoline is over \$2.50 a gallon and other things are just as expensive. Also, they are far away from their family and friends.

After a good Indian breakfast prepared by Brother Richie's wife, Molene, Phil and I started to South Dakota. In South Dakota, we were in services from Sunday through Sunday. We spent the first half of the time in LaPlant community, where there were no moves. The second half we were in Cherry Creek community, where there is no Baptist Church. Brother Bennie LaPlante had been having Bible studies for 1 1/2 years. He rented a building for this meeting. There were two ladies saved. One of them was the lady who had opened her home for the Bible studies. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness.

We had a surprise during the time at Cherry Creek when Brother Nelson and Vivian Celestine, from the Alabama-Coshatta reservation, east Texas, came and helped in the meeting. He led singing and they both sang a special. What a blessing for those people, who know no other Christian Indians other than their pastor, his family and me, to see other Christian Indians serving God!

Bro. Ernest & Bennie Best

Wilson Appointed Tech Business Head



Jerry Wilson

Jerry Wilson, a general education faculty member at OSU Tech, Okmulgee, has been selected to head the college's Small Business Occupations Department, according to Bob Klabenes, OSU Tech director.

Wilson will assume department head responsibilities January 3, pending approval by the OSU Board of Regents at its November meeting.

He will succeed Linda Avant who now serves as assistant to the director, academic affairs.

In his new role, Wilson will be responsible for management and leadership of the educational programs within the department-watch and micro instrumentation, jewelry technology, upholstery design and restoration, and shoe/boot and saddle.

He will oversee course and program offerings, academic and career counseling, faculty development and recruitment, academic standards, inventory, student recruitment, advisory committee scheduling, graduate employment assistant and budget management.

Wilson earned his bachelor's degree in business and a master's in educational administration from Northeastern Oklahoma State University at Tahlequah.

He joined the OSU Tech faculty as a small business management instructor in 1986.

Wilson has a variety of small business experience, including owning/operating a small business management consulting firm, a restaurant in Tulsa's Gilcrease Hills, and a retail grocery store.

He also served as assistant director of the Division of Human Development for the Creek Nation and now is a member of the Creek National Council.

Just recently, Wilson was appointed project director for OSU Tech's Minority Business Enterprise Project to inform minorities about benefits of entrepreneurship.

Wilson, his wife, Colleen and son Coy, reside in Glenpool.



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES AROUND THE CREEK NATION-



OUR MNN PHOTOGRAPHER CAUGHT SOME OF THE HALLOWEEN HIJINKS around the Creek Nation Complex offices recently. These activities ranged from an employee Halloween Costume and Mask Contest, of which Sherry Brokesoulder, above left, (CN Gaming Commission Office) won hands down in the Overall Best division for her "Ms. Pumpkin" outfit, to the Annual Trick or Treat Tour through the Complex by Creek Nation Headstart pupils, above right. A good time was had by everyone who took a little time aside from their busy schedules to treat these tiny tots and to participate in a little of the festivities themselves.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Survey-

The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) Board of Directors decides which type of Indian law issues will be handled by OILS each year. The Board of Directors will make a decision in January, 1990, and is interested in hearing the ideas of the Indian Community before designating its case priorities for 1990. We need your help to better serve you, the Indian Community members.

All Indian clients, potential clients, and members of the Indian community are invited to complete the following survey, clip it out, and send it to the address below. Please note that OILS handles only Indian status related cases, and that Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma and Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma handle other types of cases for low income Indians.

Your Tribe:
County of Residence:

Please mark the ten legal areas which you believe OILS should be handling in 1990. Please rank the ten items (Place a number 1 beside the item you think is most important, a number 2 for the next important, etc.) Check only ten items.

__LAND: restricted and trust land problems, oil and gas.

__LAND: restricted and trust land problems, mineral rights.

__LAND: probates and heirship cases in state court or before an administrative law judge.

__LAND: hunting and fishing rights.

__LAND: water rights.

__LAND: other problems _____

__CHILD CUSTODY: state removes child from family, and files a case in state court.

__CHILD CUSTODY: nonparent tries to take child.

__CHILD CUSTODY: adoptions.

__CHILD CUSTODY: grandparent visitation.

__CHILD CUSTODY: child was given to nonparent temporarily, and person refuses to return child.

__CHILD CUSTODY: other problems _____

__TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: tribe needs assistance in developing tribal codes or other governmental matters.

__TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: some type of court action in tribal, state or federal court raises a question as to who has legal authority over that case. (state, tribe or federal gov,t)

__TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: case in which the state is trying to make Indian person do something where the state doesn't have legal authority over that person.

__TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: other problems _____

__INDIAN HOUSING: housing authority is trying to make a MHO homebuyer move because behind in

house payments or for other reasons.

__INDIAN HOUSING: MHO homebuyer needs rights protection (example: homebuyer doesn't have running water in home, etc.)

__INDIAN HOUSING: other problems _____

__INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS: tribal enrollment problems.

__INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS: Indian religion issues.

__INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS: federal or state assistance problems where Indian trust assets are considered for eligibility.

__INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS: Indian education problems.

__INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS: tribal or Indian Health Service problems.

__INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS: Indian Civil Rights Act problems.

__INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS: other problems _____

__OTHER PROBLEMS: _____

RETURN DEADLINE: January 10, 1990. Cut out and send to:

Kris Harjo, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., 3033 N. Walnut, Suite 103W, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Clarification on the Referendum Vote (Class III Gaming) Appearing on Ballots-

The following legislative action took place on the Referendum Vote (Class III Gaming) appearing on voter ballots (October 28 Primary Election) at the Regular Session of the National Council, October 21.

Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled:

Whereas, the numerous Creek citizens have contacted the Speaker concerning a Referendum Vote appearing on the Absentee Ballots mailed from the Election Office recently; and

Whereas, during the September 20, Special Session of the National Council, a Bill 89-118 was addressed and the Bill among other things refers to a referendum vote for Class III Gaming to be placed on the October Election Ballot, which the off-track betting would fall under. The records show that the Bill NCA 89-118 was defeated.

Whereas, members of the National Council feel that the referendum vote on the ballot in the October Election would be in error and should be declared invalid, also that no ballots should be issued to local precincts for the October Election.

Therefore, the Election Board is directed to declare this election of the referendum vote in error and void. Nothing pertained herein shall effect election of candidates.

The vote in favor of the Resolution was 17 in favor, one against and no abstentions.



**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION**

OKLAHOMA CITY MUSCOGEE
(CREEK) ASSOCIATION (OCMA) - PLAINTIFF

-VS-

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
NATIONAL COUNCIL - DEFENDANTS

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Plaintiff filed a petition in this Court on July 6, 1989, requesting that the up-coming tribal election process be halted and that the Speaker of the National Council be placed on absentee leave for violations of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

The Defendants answered August 24, 1989 and Trial was held at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Complex in the Mound Building September 13, 1989. The Court after hearing all the witnesses, accepting all exhibits and listening to arguments of counsel took the matters presented under advisement.

ALLEGATIONS IN DETAIL

That the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has violated their oaths of office and failed to uphold the Constitution by the violation of Article VI, Section 6(a) as it relates to reconsideration of Bills that has passed the legislative process and been vetoed by the Principal Chief.

That the Muscogee (Creek) National Council violated the Constitution by overriding the Principal Chief's veto of NCA 89-40 and NCA 89-05 with less than the full membership present.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution
Article VI, Section 6, Subsection A
Verbatim**

Every Bill which shall have passed The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, before it becomes Ordinance, shall be presented to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. If he approves, he shall sign it; but, if not, he shall return it with his objections to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, who shall enter the objections at large on their Journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the full membership of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall pass the Bill, it shall become an Ordinance. In such cases, the votes shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against shall be entered on the Journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. If any bill shall not be returned by the Principal Chief within ten (10) days, Sundays and Holidays excepted, after it shall have been presented to him the same shall be an ordinance as if he had signed it.

That the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, Mr. Kenneth Childers, participated in the vote and was counted in the override of the Principal Chief's veto of NCA 89-49 and NCA 89-05 without there being a tie in violation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution Article VI, Section 2, Subsection D.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution
Article VI, Section 2, Subsection D
Verbatim**

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall elect from their number a Speaker, who shall preside over the Muscogee (Creek) National Council but shall have no vote unless the National Council be equally divided, and they shall choose a Second Speaker, who shall preside in absence of the Speaker.

That NCA 89-40 and NCA 89-95 are in conflict with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Ordinances.

That The Muscogee (Creek) National Council has passed legislation relating to voting which creates a hardship upon the citizens of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, punishes absentee voters, unnecessarily spends tribal funds and is violative of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution Article II, Section 2; Article IV, Section 2; Article IV, Section 7 and Article VI, Section 7, subsection A.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution
Article III, Section 2
Verbatim**

This Constitution shall not abridge the rights and privileges of individual citizens, of the State of Oklahoma and of The United States of America.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution
Article IV, Section 2
Verbatim**

Every citizen of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, regardless of religion, creed, or sex, shall be eligible to vote in the tribal elections provided that (A) they are registered voters for elections; (B) they are at least eighteen (18) years of age at the date of election, with the registrant providing sufficient proof of age to election board; and (C) they hold citizenship.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution
Article IV, Section 7
Verbatim**

All citizens shall be allowed to vote for the Principal Chief and any such National Office that shall be created.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution
Article VI, Section 7, Subsection A**

To promote the public health and safety, education and welfare that may contribute to the social, physical well-being and economic advancement of the citizens of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

That The Muscogee (Creek) National Council has obstructed justice by its failure to completely implement the provisions of The Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, Article VII, Sections 1 thru 5 and there is not judicial relief available to the citizens of this Nation.

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution
Article VII, Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
Verbatim**

The Judicial Power of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be vested in one Supreme Court limited to matters of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Jurisdiction and in such other inferior Courts as the National Council may from time to time ordain.

The Supreme Court shall be composed of six (6) members appointed by The Principal Chief, subject to majority approval by The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, and whose term shall be for six (6) years beginning July 1.

The Supreme Court shall with the approval of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council establish procedures to insure that the appellant receives due process of law and prompt and speedy relief.

The Supreme Court shall be presided over by a Supreme Court Justice chosen from their own number and shall be in regular, quarterly-scheduled session, coinciding with that of the Fiscal Year.

The Decision of The Supreme Court shall be in writing and shall be final.

DECISION

This Court has jurisdiction, these matters relate only to The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the citizens of this Nation, Judicial interpretation of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Ordinances of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is vested only in the Judicial Branch of this sovereign Nation.

This Court has already determined the requirements for override of a veto in Bill Burden, National Council Representative, Okfuskee District vs. Principal Chief Claude A. Cox District Court CV. 88-08 (1988). The Constitution requirement for override is for at least two-thirds of the full membership to cast their vote in favor of the bill before override is successful. The full membership as previously determined in Alexander Thomas, Frank Kamp, Mickey Primeaux, Sandy McIntosh, Kenneth Childers vs. Creek Nation Election Board and All Election Board Members, as Individuals, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief District Court CV. 87-05 (1987) relates to the total number of representative seats available on the National Council according to the number of citizens in each district and does not mean that all of those representative seats must be occupied and the occupying elected representative present and voting before any override would be successful. Plaintiff's position would bring all government under the Constitution to a grinding halt for there is the possibility of a vacancy on The National Council at any time as has been the case in the past.

(See COURT DECISION on Page 17)



TRIBAL COURT DECISION... (Continued from Page 16)

It is therefore the decision of this Court that in order for The National Council to override any veto by Principal Chief two-thirds of the full membership must be present, two-thirds of the full membership must approve and pass the bill and it is not a Constitutional requirement that the full membership be present.

The Constitutional propriety of The Speaker casting a vote either yea or nay on the reconsideration of a bill after the Principal Chief's veto requires an examination of the Constitutional provisions setting out the Speaker's role in voting on ordinary legislative matters and also when an override of a veto is before the National Council. The Speaker is the presiding officer of The National Council and during the course of voting on ordinary legislation does not vote unless The National Council is equally divided. It is not necessary for a vote to be cast by The Speaker under ordinary circumstances where a simple majority will pass or defeat legislation. The exception occurs when there is a tie vote and legislation must be passed or killed to complete the legislative process. A stalemate would defeat the very principles of the representative form of government. The legislative process requiring The Speaker to vote only in the case of an equally divided National Council is quite different from the vote required in order for The National Council to override a veto. The Constitution requires not a simple majority, but the Super Majority of two-thirds of the full membership to pass vetoed legislation into Ordinance. The number of votes required under the two-thirds full membership is determined and calculated including the seat occupied by The Speaker and the presiding officer must be allowed to vote on any action of The National Council requiring a vote of two-thirds of the full membership.

It is therefore the decision of this Court that The Speaker of The National Council is permitted by The Constitution of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation to vote on reconsiderations of legislation that have been vetoed by The Principal Chief.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution Article IV, Section 1 provides for all elections to be conducted "as prescribed by Ordinance". The National Council has passed Ordinances for the Election Board to follow in the conduct of elections and it is the Election Board's responsibility to follow these ordinances or be guilty of nonfeasance. The citizens are placed under no burden by the requirement that they request an absentee ballot. They are notified, by mail at their last known address, of upcoming elections and clearly instructed to request an absentee ballot should they desire to participate and vote. There must be time limitations placed on the processing of absentee requests and the return of properly voted ballots. All these matters are clearly within the purview of The National Council.

It is therefore the decision of this Court that The National Council properly exercised its legislative authority in passing Ordinances governing the conduct of elections within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Citizens of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation most assuredly have an operating Judicial system before which to bring claims for relief as evidence by this opinion. Testimony relating to The National Councils failure to approve appointments to the Supreme Court by The Principal Chief are matters of a political nature. It is the Constitutional responsibility of The Principal Chief to nominate and The National Council to approve potential Justices. Both of these branches of our government are not always going to agree, but they must continue to do their Constitutional duty for the well-being of The Nation.

It is therefore the decision of this Court that there has not been any Obstruction of Justice and that the Courts of The Nation are always available for legitimate litigation by citizens of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution does not contain any provision for placing any elected council member on "absentee leave". The Constitution Article VI, Section 4, Subsection B provides "The *** Council shall judge * the returns and qualifications of its members ***** penalize * members***** expel a member ***." Article VIII, Section 2 provides "a signed petition showing cause of removal containing twenty (20) per cent of registered voters in a district shall be caused to consider removal of a council member." The other manner for approving or disapproving of an elected official's representation is at the ballot box not in the Courts of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

It is therefore the decision of this Court that there is no Constitutional basis for The Speaker of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council to be placed on "absentee leave".

It is therefore ordered that the up-coming tribal elections proceed in accordance with the Election Law Ordinances of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Dated this 28th of September, 1989

Patrick E. Moore
District Judge

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION OF OKLAHOMA

*Kenneth Childers, Speaker and the Muscogee
(Creek) National Council, Plaintiffs,*

vs.

*David Bryant, Director of Treasury and
Robert Davis, Comptroller of the Treasury,
Defendants*

ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

That the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Court has exclusive jurisdiction in this matter.

The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation provides the authority for the National Council to employ legal counsel and the National Council exercised that authority by entering into a contract with Gregory R. Stidham and the contract was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

This Court is of the opinion that approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs is not necessary under Title 25, United States Code, Section 81, since the contract was not in consideration for services rendered relative to tribal land, but for legal services to be provided to the National Council, in addition approval for the National Council to employ legal counsel was given by the Bureau of Indian Affairs when the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Constitution was ratified and approved in 1979.

The National Council approved and passed NCA 89-106 ordering payment under the Stidham contract. The appeal of the Area Director's decision on this contract, Docket No. IBIA 89-87A, has no bearing on this particular matter, since Welch vs. Minneapolis 17 IBIA 56 and the evidence before the Court reveals to the Court that the appeal of that contract was of a frivolous nature.

It is not a Constitutional function of the Executive Branch to approve or question the financial activities of another branch of government, but only to perform the ministerial duty required in processing and paying appropriated budgeted claims. The legislative branch has the Constitutional authority through the budgetary process to control government spending.

It is incumbent upon those in the Executive Branch to follow The Constitution and The Ordinances as enacted by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Writ of Mandamus be granted and the Principal Chief Claude Cox, David Bryant, Director of Finance and Treasurer, Robert Davis, Comptroller, and all other officers and employees involved in the processing of claims for payment, are to issue within five (5) days prompt and immediate payment of nine thousand nine hundred eighty five dollars and four cents (\$9,985.04) in accordance with NCA 89-106 and any other amounts due and owing to Gregory R. Stidham, Counsel for the National Council, under contracts present or future.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that this Judgment is subject to Execution under NCA 82-30.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the accounting procedures of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be set up to accommodate legislation as enacted by the National Council.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that failure to perform the administrative and ministerial duties required to carry out this order shall be deemed a willful nonfeasance.

Dated this 18th day of October, 1989.

signed/Patrick E. Moore, District Court Judge

Happy Thanksgiving



The Great Jamboree - Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, England
July 31st to August 19th, 1929.

THE GREAT BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE OF 1929 IN ENGLAND included an Osage, several Cherokees and some Creek boys who delighted the Royal Family and had the "time of their lives" in the process.



THE REDCORNs, father Raymond Redcorn, center, flanked by Wakan, left, and Raymond III, right, take an active part in the ceremonial life of their tribe, as does mother, Waltena.

1929 Boy Scout Jamboree- Birkenhead, England:

Indian Elder Recalls 1929 'Trip of Memories' To England for Himself and Creek Scouts-

Raymond Redcorn, Osage, recalled for an MNN interview, a once-in-lifetime event for him, and some Creek and Cherokee boys back in 1929.

Seated in Redcorn's Pawhuska home, filled with Osage memento and assorted memorabilia from a lifetime of Mrs. Waltena Redcorn's avid collecting, Mr. Redcorn, 78, recalled the trip that he and some other Indian youth took to England, where they were actually invited to dine at Windsor Castle- "It was back in 1929, July 31, to be exact, when I was seventeen years old- we all were part of an American Indian Boy Scout troop at Bacone and we were invited to the World-Wide Boy Scout Jamboree that year in Berkenhead, England. We would get to become Eagle Scouts if we took this trip, so we decided too," said Redcorn, who recalled the other teenage Indian boys- "it was me, W.W. Carter, our Scout Master, Benjamin Porter, who was Creek, Bennett Blackhawk, a Winnebago, Jasper Porter, Creek and Johnny Walker, Creek-Cherokee and Ike Postoak, a Cherokee..."

"We were all so excited to get to go for two whole months to England and it only costs us \$250 dollars and we raised the money ourselves," he said, recalling fondly that he had celebrated his seventeenth birthday on the oceanliner enroute to England- "those Creek boys taught me a Creek song and we had a big birthday party. We were the hit of the trip!"

Once in England, the American Indian troop set up camp next to an East Indian troop and that first night, while Raymond fixed a huge dishpan full of frybread, the Prince of Wales (whom Raymond did not recognize) came by on his horse and inquired as to what the young Redcorn was making- his reply- "Frybread, sir," as Raymond offered the Prince a piece. The next day, Raymond's troop was invited to set up their camp on the grounds of the Windsor Castle. With the honor, the boys were allowed to take their three teepees and set them up. That first evening, as Redcorn excitedly recounted, they ate with King George and Queen Mary in the Castle. Afterward, the troop entertained the Royal family with "a spectacular night of Indian dancing- Creek stompdancing and the like," he said. "That it was an honor and the experience of lifetime to be actually invited inside the gates of Windsor Castle, is something that we all just couldn't believe- but the Royal family did like our frybread," he said with a laugh, adding that later, in 1976, when the Redcorn family began their famous Indian restaurant in Pawhuska and later as Redcorn family began their Ha-Pah-Shu-Tse Indian Foods enterprise, Raymond sent the Queen a five-pound bag of Redcorn Frybread Mix. "It cost us \$27 to send that bag of mix to England and it took a while to get there, but we received a letter back from her Majesty, which bore the Buckingham Palace

official logo and was signed by the Master of the Household.

The Royal letter read, "I am commanded to thank you very much for your extremely interesting letter and for your kind thought in sending to Her Majesty, a bag of your Indian frybread mix. The Queen, and the Duke of Edinburgh are always keen to try new forms of food and I know therefore that your present is very welcome. The Queen has also commanded me to thank you for your kind good wishes. (signed) Master of the Household."

Good Indian food has always been a way of life for the Redcorn family- whether preparing and eating it during the Osage feast days or as a prosperous business venture-

The Redcorns, with much credit due to the resourcefulness of wife Waltena, operate a successful business distributing their Indian foods through wholesale companies which in turn distribute to food stores and restaurants. Their warehouse is located on Main Street in Pawhuska, at the same location where their restaurant, which always had a packed house, was located when it started in the 1970's. "We always had people coming to eat from all over the place- the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce regularly called us and made reservations to bring down large groups of visitors to the state, many of them foreigners, just to sample our American Indian foods," said Waltena. A

sampling of these foods, many Osage in origin, which Waltena, who is non-Indian, learned to cook with perfection from the elder Osage women when she first married Raymond, included, steam fry, yahkah pins (similar to lotus roots), grape dumpling, meat gravy, meat pies, Indian squash, and of course, frybread.

The Redcorns have two grown sons, Wakan, of Pawhuska, who is the acting superintendent of land operations with the BIA in Pawhuska, and Raymond III, of Kansas. They have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and inspite of a hectic schedule which includes family, (the priority), church (Raymond is a retired Baptist minister), visiting nursing homes (where Mr. Redcorn plays the piano and conducts church services), gardening, collecting Indian artifacts and conducting a successful business- they recently had a video done on "How to Make Frybread." Explains Waltena, 74, "Raymond and I aren't getting any younger and now instead of going to all of these cooking shows and seminars to demonstrate how to make frybread- we just send them a tape of ourselves doing it- it sure saves us time and energy!"

For information on how to cook with the Ha-Pah-Shu-Tse Frybread Mix, contact the Waltena Redcorn about a 16-minute video that was recently produced demonstrating frybread mix cooking methods. Contact her at 145 E. Main, Pawhuska, OK 74056 or PO Box 1047, Pawhuska, OK 74056.



INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

NAPA Holds Regional Meeting in OKC-

A Regional meeting of the Native American Press Association (NAPA) was held in Oklahoma



SUSAN ARKEKETA, DIRECTOR, of the Native American Press Association, is shown at the October Regional meeting of NAPA, which was held in Oklahoma City.

City, October 3, in conjunction

Journalist Training Program Available-

METRO (Minority Editorial Training Program) is a two-year training program operated by the Times Mirror at the Los Angeles Times and at Newsday, with the goal of increasing the number of minority journalists working at newspapers across the country.

METRO is open to Native Americans, Afro-Americans, Latinos and Asian Americans across the country who are seeking a career in newspaper journalism. A college degree, regardless of discipline, is preferred but not required.

During the first year of METRO/Reporting, the focus is on the fundamentals of reporting and photography, stressing demanding, individualized instruction. METRO/Editing begins with a two-week orientation, followed by six weeks of reporting and ten weeks of fulltime classroom instruction. For the remainder of the program, trainees will work as editors on Newsday copy desks.

The application deadline is January 1. Information and applications for the editing program are available by writing METRO/Editing director, Newsday, METRO/Editing Director, Newsday, 235 Pinelawn Rd., Melville, NY 11747, or calling (516) 454-3087. Those interested in reporting should write to METRO/Reporting Director, the Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053, or call 1-800-LA-TIMES, ext. 74487.

with the National Congress of American Indians Annual Conference.

Attending the luncheon meeting, held at the Sheraton-Century Hotel, were Oklahoma members of NAPA and the NAPA Director, Susan Arkeketa, a Creek and native Oklahoman, and her staff.

Discussion at the meeting included the plans for the upcoming March NAPA Conference to be held in Tacoma, Washington. "This year, we want to give more emphasis to editing skills and provide workshops on graphic design and layout, as well as a freelancers workshop," said Nancy Butterfield, Conference Coordinator and NAPA board-member.

The Fifth Annual NAPA Convention and Training Conference will be held March 22-24 in Tacoma, Washington.

Articles Needed for Native American Journalism Award

The Native American Press Association (NAPA) is now accepting articles, essays, and research papers by Native American writers, journalists and students concerning the state of Indian journalism.

Past, present and future perspectives on the state of Indian journalism will be accepted. Suggested article topics include, but are not limited to, freedom of the press on Indian reservations, recruitment and retention of American Indian journalism students, Native American journalists and press responsibilities, the role of the press on Indian reservations, etc.

Final selections will be made in January 1990. Students and working professionals are encouraged to submit their articles or papers by December 31, 1989. Papers submitted will not be returned.

Please submit all papers to NAPA, Native American Journalism Annual, PO Box 1734, Boulder, CO 80306-1734.



NAPA Sponsors Student Writing Contest-

The Phoenix Writing Competition is a national Journalism writing contest for American Indian high school students and is sponsored by the Native American Press Association (NAPA). The competition is a part of NAPA's Project Phoenix which is designed to encourage American Indian high school students to examine journalism as a potential and rewarding career.

The writing contest will be divided into the following categories: **1. News Writing-Long News Story (25 inches or longer); 2. News Writing-Short News Story; 3. Column Writing; 4. Feature Writing; 5. Sports Writing.**

First place winners will receive a \$100 scholarship and plaque. Second and third place winners will receive a plaque.

Who's Eligible? The Phoenix Writing Competition is open to any American Indian high school student. **Deadline for submission is December 15.** Winners will be announced March 1990. The winners stories will be included in NAPA's Native American Journalism Annual schedule for publication in the Spring of 1990.

Articles must be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch white paper and must have been published in either the school, town or tribal newspaper. Students must enter all five categories and articles will not be returned. Only one entry per student in each category.

For further information, contact the Native American Press Association, PO Box 1734, Boulder, Colorado, 80306-1734 or call Susan Arkeketa at (303) 447-8760.

All-Indian Arts & Crafts

The Arrowhead Resort will host an all-Indian Arts and Crafts Fair on December 2-3 according to fair coordinator and Indian artist John Tiger. The show will be held in the lobby of the Resort.

This show is designated the "Christmas Show" for those who may be looking for that special gift of unusual item. The fair will have a variety of authentic Indian handmade items for sale including Turquoise/silver jewelry, beautiful beadwork, original artwork, quilts, shawls etc.

For more information, call Arrowhead Resort, 1-800-445-2711 or (918) 339-2711.

FMHA PROGRAMS COME TO INDIAN COUNTRY

An informational workshop will be held on November 28, 1989 at the Hilton Inn Northwest, 2945 NW Expressway OKC., OK. beginning at 10:00 a.m. and running until 3:00 p.m., and November 29, 1989 at the Indian Meridian Vo-Tech 1312 S. Sangre Rd., Stillwater, OK. beginning at 10:00 a.m. and running until 3:00 p.m.

The workshop is being sponsored by FMHA and will be conducted by Mr. Ralph Childers, Oklahoma Indian Coordinator.

Distinguish guest speakers will include: Mr. Clyde Beall, National Indian Coordinator, Washington D.C.; Mr. Wayne Moore, Chief of Farmer Programs, Farmers Home Administration; Mr. Dale Folger, Chief of Housing, Farmers Home Administration; Mr. Richard P. Brown, Chief of Community and Business Programs, Tribal Rights to FMHA Inventory Property Located on Indian Reservations.

The major topics of discussion will include: Loans to Indian Tribes and Tribal Corporations, Farm Ownership Loans for Socially Disadvantaged, Housing Preservation Grants, 504 Loans and Grants, Community Facility Loans, Water and Waste Loans and Grants, Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans.

Some of the benefits that these programs can provide range from assistance for purchase of land for individuals, grants to repair housing owned by very low income people, loans to allow tribes to purchase land, to construction of community facilities.

There will be no charge for this program.

Questions regarding this program or registration can be accomplished by calling Ralph or Beverly at 1-800-447-6456.

-NOTICE-

The Creek Nation offices at the Tribal Capitol Complex will be closed on the following dates for Holidays: Veteran's Day- Friday, November 10; Thanksgiving- Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24.



Muscogee (Creek) Nation Quarterly Financial Statement

The Creek Nation's Office of Treasury, as one of its major functions, produces a series of monthly budgetary and general ledger reports on all activities and programs of the Creek Nation. These reports are made available to appropriate management personnel and other interested parties.

The Office of the Treasury maintains an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for fund accounting in order to meet the standards and the reporting requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association and the reporting requirements as established under the A-128 Single Audit Act.

Reports prepared under these standards tend to be technical and complex by nature, which may require a more in-depth understanding of both accounting principles and fund accounting than those reports of other entities.

In order to keep tribal members cognizant of the financial status of the Creek Nation, a summary financial statement is being prepared and published quarterly. This statement has been prepared on a cash basis to reflect receipts and expenditures accumulated on a year to date basis. A detailed explanation of the reading of this statement is as follows: PROGRAM NAME-Provides the titles of the various programs and activities of the Creek Nation. RECEIPTS-Provides a year to date total of all cash collected for this program. BUDGET-Provides the approved budget for the current fiscal year, for federal and tribal funds. ENCUMBERED-provides totals, at the date of report, for commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. EXPENDED FUNDS-provides totals for all obligations unperformed and paid at the date of report. UNENCUMBERED FUNDS-this gives the balance of the budget minus encumbered funds minus expended fund. This is the balance available the remainder of the fiscal year.

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1989

PROGRAM NAME	RECEIPTS	BUDGET	CONTRACT FUNDS		
			ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	UNENCUMBERED
TREASURY	11549	20000	1614	14578	3808
GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	390168	304802	1840	178966	123996
ADMINISTRATION/INDIRECT	1823586	1824932	13092	1770605	41235
CONSUMER LOAN	31717	94229	1535	42944	49750
CREEK NATION BINGO	2814767	3845146	283740	2916321	645085
TRIBAL BUDGET '89	1920085	1927843	8266	1401850	517727
TULSA C. N. BINGO ESCROW	250992	0	0	0	0
JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT '88	748493	844726	0	740454	104272
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION	12646	12835	0	12646	189
HHS HEAD START '88	93700	79649	0	79649	0
HHS ADMINISTRATION ON AGING '88	40956	39418	0	38255	1163
HHS EYEGLASSES ASSISTANCE	0	5408	0	5379	29
HOME ASSISTANCE ACT	1927	1927	0	1927	0
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION	7265	15937	70	7864	8003
IHS MANAGEMENT GRANT	31000	31000	0	0	31000
HHS HEAD START '89	330083	477321	3640	339553	134128
HHS ADMINISTRATION ON AGING '89	29312	80110	400	29962	49748
HHS COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT '89	14264	14264	0	10905	3359
HHS LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE	51820	51820	0	51820	0
HHS CHILDREN SERVICE '89	49638	49638	0	48898	740
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT	3031	3031	0	3031	0
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT '89	0	3093	0	60	3033
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION	393	14293	226	333	13734
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '86	31000	31000	0	31000	0
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '87	3731	7612	0	7612	0
USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION	1774	0	0	1774	-1774
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '88	228388	222408	0	221963	445
USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION '89	15578	6595	0	5113	1482
ENERGY ASSISTANCE	26298	26298	0	25932	366
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT '89	0	450000	0	15833	434167
USDA REIMBURSEMENT-ADMINISTRATION ON AGING	44420	59783	6978	40553	12252
USDA REIMBURSEMENT-HEAD START	38198	38625	5600	32120	905
EUFULA DORM-ACTIVITY FUND	8282	9785	0	8859	926
MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS ACTIVITY FUND	3718	4630	0	4630	0
COURT CLERK ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	1066	800	0	0	800
BIA ADULT EDUCATION	109176	192859	1176	106224	85459
BIA AID TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT	320928	374935	1567	316101	57267
BIA COMMUNITY SERVICES	129782	141327	370	128407	12550
BIA HIGHER EDUCATION	584833	655822	452	582922	72448
BIA NATURAL RESOURCES	331182	516910	12048	335942	168920
BIA ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING	200820	299669	1327	201557	96785
BIA HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM	8847	8847	0	8847	0
BIA CREDIT & FINANCE	83114	107874	0	82709	25165
BIA OTHER EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	26160	25742	0	25705	37
BIA EARLY CHILDHOOD	21837	21837	0	21836	1
BIA AGRICULTURE	134736	206552	12	131361	75179
BIA SOCIAL SERVICES	264006	304706	238	263975	40493
BIA HOUSING	231164	301446	12675	229503	59268
BIA REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS	92711	151146	1226	91959	57961
BIA MINERALS & MINING	37500	51965	2975	37813	11177
BIA WATER RESOURCES	3544	3924	0	1881	2043
OTHER REAL ESTATE	164890	220911	716	158690	61505
BIA EUFAULA DORM (MAINTENANCE)	259895	553224	6150	262576	284498
BIA EUFAULA DORM (EDUCATION)	564443	652271	221	545479	106571
BIA INDIAN CHILD WELFARE	96809	97836	529	96864	443
CREEK NATION AGRI-BUSINESS	357686	427028	0	425566	1462
CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	1244852	2349510	3480	1908696	437334
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES	177797	277439	0	192191	85248
IHS CREEK NATION CLINICS	398419	667362	5993	478641	182728
TRIBAL HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT	0	5515	0	5515	0
OKMULGEE BINGO	2846078	2660288	31303	2790690	-161705
OKEMAH ECONOMIC PROJECT	21935	27963	0	27963	0
SAPULPA CLINIC - THIRD PARTY	5220	7892	0	5893	1999
EUFAULA CLINIC - THIRD PARTY	16034	7960	0	5920	2040
OKMULGEE DENTAL - THIRD PARTY	3229	0	0	0	0
YOUTH SERVICES-PROGRAM INCOME	3046	0	0	0	0
ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE	0	24999	0	0	24999
CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL '89	1580577	1631487	12062	1332320	287105
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES	803548	464562	1802	365283	97477
IHS CREEK NATION CLINICS '89	954276	1017026	21966	840387	154673
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	71960	81732	0	79601	2131
DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION	15085	30978	0	30364	614
REAL PROPERTY AND FACILITIES	825640	809962	6331	699775	103856
PROPERTY AND SUPPLY	71763	127320	1072	104782	21466
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE	49801	67431	0	66146	1285
TOTALS	22173168	26175215	452692	21081473	4641050



Obituaries



BILLIE BENSON

Services were held for Billie Benson, 87, on September 29 at the Kelley Funeral Home. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mr. Benson was born on November 1, 1901 in Wetumka, Oklahoma.

Mr. Benson was retired from McDonald Douglas Aircraft in Tulsa as a precision machinist. He made a home for his family in Okmulgee in 1968 where he resided until his death. He was an original allottee and was proud of his tribe.

Survivors include, wife Hannah; daughter Katherine; son Dennis of Phoenix; brother Ed Benson; grandsons, Billie D. Benson and Timothy G. Benson and three great-grandchildren.

-Note of Appreciation-

Thank you, relatives and friends, for the delicious food, beautiful floral tributes, sympathy cards, comforting phone calls, and visits, prayers and all the loving concern and kindness shown to us during our recent bereavement. We love you all dearly and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Gratefully,

**The Family of Easter Sunday
Fixico Jr., Mary, Chepene,
Billy Joe, Marcia, Regina and
Crystal**

Hymnals And Tapes

The Senior Citizens Gift Shop, located in the CN Tribal Complex, now has Creek Hymnals for \$5 each and cassette tapes of Creek Hymns for \$8 each. (Mail orders must add \$3 to their order to cover postage and handling). The Gift Shop is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

MILLIE MICKEY

Millie Mickey, 68, Dustin, died Friday, October 6 in the Wetumka Hospital.

Wake Services were held October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Merritt Funeral Service Chapel in Henryetta.

Funeral services were held October 9, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Dustin with Rev. Dan Phillips officiating. Family members served as pallbearers.

Interment was in the Dustin Cemetery.

Mrs. Mickey was born at Dustin, June 10, 1921, to Shawnee and Katie Harper. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dustin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Mickey, who died October 1, 1980.

She is survived by four daughters: Katie Sevier of Tulsa; Lucy Harjo of Hanna; and Mary Mickey and Celia Billy both of Dustin; also three sister, Ella McIntosh, of Hitchita; Margaret Jones of Wetumka and Rosanna Whitlow of Dustin. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JACOB SOWEKA

Jacob Soweka, 65, died Tuesday, October 17 in a Tulsa hospital.

Wake services for him were held October 19 at 7 p.m. in Ryal Community Baptist Church with Amon Harjo officiating.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 20, at the Ryal Community Baptist Church under

Mr. Soweka was born December 10, 1923. He was an area farmer and laborer for many years. He was married to Mary Pigeon and was a member of Ryal Community Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Mary Soweka of the home; one son, Larry Soweka of Tuscon, Arizona; two brothers, Robert Soweka and Bonnie Soweka of Henryetta; three sisters, Lillie Scott, Alice Tulsa and Judy Asbury all of Henryetta; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Interment was in the Soweka Family Cemetery. Mr. Soweka's nephews served as pallbearers.

JENNIFER WEST

Funeral services for Jennifer West Williams, age 18, of Springfield, Missouri, were held Thursday, September 28 at 2 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Service Cottage Chapel in Henryetta. Rev. John Lowe officiated. Burial was in the Arbeka Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill West, Sherman West, Teddy Rowell, Chester Fields, Michael West and Richard McKay.

Mrs. Williams was born February 2, 1971 to Lawrence and Marilyn

West. She is survived by her son, Jeff Davis Williams IV of the home, her parents, Lawrence and Marilyn West of Tulsa, a sister, Cherlyn Rowell of Tulsa, her grandmother Leona West of Henryetta and great grandmother Virginia Yeager of California.

RICHARD J. BIRDCREEK

Richard J. Birdcreek, a former resident of Weleetka, died Sept. 29 at his home in Burleson, Tx. at the age of 69. Funeral services were held Oct. 1 in Burleson, Tx. with Rev. Kenneth Cummins and Rev. J.L. Elston officiating.

Mr. Birdcreek was born January 21, 1920 at Hanna, the son of Mose and Mesala "Sally" Birdcreek. He married Jean Jones in 1949 in Las Cruces, NM.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as a jet engine mechanic for 23 years and was employed in the maintenance department of TCU for 17 years. Mr. Birdcreek was a member of the Albany, GA. AF & AM Lodge 491 and the Church Triumphant of Burleson.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Birdcreek of Burleson; a son Stephen Birdcreek of Aledo, Tx.; two daughters, Faith Elston of Fort Worth, Tx., LaFonda Farr of Holiday, Tx.; two brothers Ira Birdcreek of Shawnee, OK. and Eugene Birdcreek of Weleetka, OK.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Interment was in the Tye Memorial Cemetery of Burleson, TX.

LUCILLE YAHOLA HARJO

Lucille Yahola Harjo, 72 of Wetumka, passed away October 14 at her home.

Funeral services were held October 17 at the Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters Amanda Martinez of Dallas; Josephine Anderson, Stella Yahola both of Wetumka; one grandson, Lewis Yahola, that she raised, of the home; one foster daughter Betty Harjo of Tulsa; one brother Amos King of Wetumka and six grandsons and two granddaughters.

JUANA PATTERSON

Juana Mae Tiger Patterson, 77, born June 27, 1912 in Wetumka, died October 29 in Lubbock, Texas.

She attended Oklahoma University and Arizona University, taught school at Pickett Prairie in Sapulpa, Tiger Flats, and on the Pima Indian Reservation in Arizona. In her early life, she actively served the Creek Nation.

Her grandfather, Moty Tiger, was the last elected and the first appointed chief of the Creek Nation. He was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1939, she married John Patterson in Enid.

Mrs. Patterson was involved in the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, and a member of the PTA. She was past president of the Muskogee Methodist Womens Group, served for the Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church in Muskogee.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Wolffworth, Texas and a member of the Newcomers Club.

Survivors include her husband, John Patterson of Wolffworth; one son, John Patterson, Jr., his wife Ann and four grandchildren of Broken Arrow; one daughter, Mary Lena Melton, her husband Pat and three grandchildren of Lubbock, TX; a son, Robert Allen Patterson, his wife Leanne and three grandchildren of Amarillo; two nephews, Bat Shunatona, Jr. of Wewoka and Paul Kenneth Tiger, Jr.

Graveside services were held November 1, at 10 a.m. in the Resthaven Cemetery with Rev. Jim Roberts of First United Methodist Church of Wolffworth officiating.

JOHN TIGER

John Tiger, 54, Checotah, died October 14 at the W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah. Funeral services were held October 18 in the Federated Presbyterian-Christian Church in Checotah with the Rev. Ann LaMar Ruede officiating. Burial followed in the Middletown Chapel Cemetery in Oktaha.

Mr. Tiger was born July 29, 1935, in El Reno. He was a graduate of Oklahoma Military Academy and attended Oklahoma State University. He served in the United States Army in Korea. He was a member of the Checotah Federated Church, and a member of the Five Civilized Tribes Museum. He chose a profession in cosmetology and was working in Muskogee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Miller Tiger, Sr and one brother, Miller Rush Tiger; two half brothers, Yahola Tiger and Okfuskee Tiger.

Survivors include his parents James and Dovie Goins of Checotah, one brother, Dennis Tiger of Seattle, one sister, Dorothy Bridges of Springfield, Tennessee.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION—

The family of John Louis Berryhill would like to take this opportunity to express to all who attended his funeral August 18. Our appreciation for your presence, comfort and moral support. Also for donations and the nice dinner Thlophlocco members gave. All was greatly appreciated. Thank you so much. The Berryhill Family



JUNE MINUTES CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER MNN-

6E A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A LOAN FOR THE CREEK NATION AGRI-BUSINESS TO USE FOR OPERATING CAPITOL. Section 101. Findings. The National Council

finds that: The Agri-Business has come up short of operating money but is capable of paying back the loan with the payment returned to the Bingo Account principle being \$45,000.00. **Section 102.** The note will be carried for 3 years and due at the first day of June of each year and will be paid with money derived from the operation. **Section 103.** This money will be made available upon the contingency that the money deposited in an account entitled Creek Nation Agri-Business Account. Checks written on this account will be solely by Agri-Business Manager and Assistant Manager of the Agri-Business. **A.** All income to the Agri-Business will be deposited in this account. **B.** All debts owed by the Agri-Business will be paid from this account. **Section 104.** The money will be deposited in a banking institution of the Agri-Business Managers choice. A monthly concealed checks statement will be forwarded to the National Council Office on a regular basis. **B.** Members of the National Council will be authorized to evaluate the account at any time or for any cause. **Section 105.** The Creek Nation Agri-Business is hereby authorized to receive any and all Federal Grants allocated to the Tribe for the purpose and shall be deposited in the Agri-Business account as specified by this ordinance. **Section 106.** No Livestock and Pigs from the Creek Nation Agri-Business and Dairy is not to be sold without the consent of the National Council. **Section 107.** The National Council hereby appropriates and authorizes the expenditures of \$45,000.00 from bingo account after the National Council Office receives a written statement from an officer of Banking Institution stating the Agri-Business account has been opened and verifies that the check signers are in accordance with this ordinance.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for this Bill. Newton made a motion to adopt as read, and Thomas seconded the motion. Discussion. Burden made a motion to clean up the Bill and send back to committee. Also requested that income for this year be listed. Rhodes seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Bear, Chupco, Stacy were absent. Motion Carried. The Bill 6E is being returned to Committee.

6F A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING PROGRAMMING, AND APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUES FOR THE TRIBAL PROGRAM - FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:

- A.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 88-80 appropriated a total of \$81,467.
 - B.** During the past eight months, this program has experienced increased costs in the form of truck repairs, xerox machine with maintenance agreement, computer supplies (not previously figured into FY 89 budget), and printing.
 - C.** Tribal bingo revenues are available for appropriation to ensure the continued operations of the Food Distribution Program.
- Section 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes programs and appropriates Bingo Revenues as follows: 100-89-5298-587-00-

A. Food Distribution - \$3,329.	
5411 - Warehouse Lease	-0-
5635 - Vehicle Insurance	-0-
5300 - Office Supplies	\$700
5601 - Equip. Maintenance/Repair	1,500
5600 - Other (Printing)	549
5700 - Indirect Costs	580

After the reading of the Bill, the Chair entertained a motion for action. Johnson Buck made a motion to pass the bill and the motion was seconded by Cleghorn. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being Sixteen in Favor, two against and no abstentions. Voting No were: Cleghorn and Rhodes. Absent were: Bear, Bible, Stacy, Chupco.

Motion Carried. The Bill 6F was adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

6G A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION - "THE LOCAL HIRE ACT"

Section 101. Findings:

- A.** Many construction, renovation and repair contracts and jobs are let by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to various contractors.
- B.** Many of these projects have no Creek Citizens or American Indians employed on them.
- C.** Many Creek citizens and American Indians can provide the skilled or unskilled labor required in the performance of these contracts.
- D.** In many instances Creek tribal funds are utilized in funding these projects, either in total or on a matching funds basis.

E. Many of the Native Americans within the boundaries of the Creek Nation are unemployed and in need of employment.

Section 102. To ensure employment opportunities for Creek citizens and American Indians residing within the boundaries of the Creek Nation, all future construction contracts which utilize Creek Nation funds or Bureau of Indian Affairs funds shall require the contracts to employ a minimum of twenty five percent (25%) Creek citizens or American Indians who reside within the boundaries of the Creek Nation as part of the work force for the contracted project/projects.

Section 103. A "Local Hire" clause shall be a mandatory part of any Creek Nation construction contract with the provision that failure by the contractor to comply shall void the contract. This includes community & organization projects funded in whole or in part by Creek Nation.

Section 104. Owners of a contracting company who are Creek citizens or American Indian shall not be included in the twenty-five (25%) work force requirement.

Section 105. The Division of Community Services shall establish and maintain a list of available qualified Creek citizens and American Indians residing within the boundaries of the Creek Nation.

The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion for action. Dunson made a motion to approve and Rhodes seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. The Bill 6G was adopted and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

At this time Veto Message NCA 89-65 was considered and read by the Speaker, by request of the Speaker to place on agenda with council approval. **MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 89-65 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS - I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 89-65 entitled "Gaming Operations Authority Board Act of 1989" to the National Council with the following objections.**

OBJECTION ONE: SECTION 102 REGARDING BOARD COMPOSITION IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation guarantees the separation of powers for the tribal government. Executive powers are vested by the Constitution in the office of the Principal Chief. Appointment of board members is an executive function. Section 102 attempts to transfer executive powers of appointment and removal to the National Council. Further, the section attempts to interfere with the commissioning power of the Executive Branch.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the veto stand and a new Section 102 be substituted in new legislation as follows:

The Gaming Operations Authority Board shall be composed of three (3) members. One (1) member shall be appointed by the Principal Chief to serve a one (1) year term of office.

One (1) member shall be selected by the Speaker of the National Council and appointed by the Principal Chief to serve a two (2) year term of office.

One (1) member shall be nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council to serve a three (3) year term of office.

Since Section 102 (B) (C), and (D) are unconstitutional, they must be omitted. Therefore, NCA 89-65 is returned as a VETO. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pgd

The Veto message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action. Frye made a motion to let the veto stand. Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and considered, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, none against no abstentions. Motion Carried. The Veto will stand.

Frye made a motion to submit a substitute BILL in place of the BILL NCA 89-65 to be placed on agenda. Johnson Buck seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, one against, one abstention. Cleghorn voted NO and Williams Abstained. Motion Carried. The BILL NCA 89-65 will be replaced with substitute Gaming Operations Authority Board Act Bill and placed on agenda.

6H A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION - GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD ACT OF 1989. Section 101. Creation - Purpose - There is hereby created within the Government structure of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation a Gaming Operations Authority for the purpose of providing a policy-making entity with the authority, responsibility, and accountability of overseeing the operations of all gaming activities licensed by, and/or under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, with the exception of community gaming operations.

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Section 102. Board Composition - A. The Gaming Operations Authority Board shall be composed of three (3) persons, one (1) member appointed by the Principal Chief to serve a one (1) year term in office, one (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the National Council to serve a two (2) year term of office and one citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council to serve a three (3) year term of office.

B. Any member of the Board may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the National Council after due process has been granted.

C. In the event the position of the Board member nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council becomes vacant, the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to commission a tribal citizen to fill that position, however, that commission shall expire at the next meeting of the National Council, and, the person commissioned shall have no vote in meetings of the Board, until confirmed by Ordinance.

SECTION 103. Authority and Responsibility

A. The Gaming Operations Authority Board is hereby assigned the responsibility of overseeing the operations of all gaming activities licensed by and/or under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and is hereby granted the following authority and detailed responsibility with the exception of community gaming operations.

(1) The Board is hereby authorized to employ managers for any gaming operation licensed by, and/or under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with the exception of community gaming operations.

(2) Adopt operational policies to ensure the business operates at high standards.

(3) Develop Board by-laws for approval by the National Council.

SECTION 104. Accountability

A. The Board shall provide a monthly narrative and financial report to the National Council and the Principal Chief.

B. The Board shall establish an internal auditing system of operations.

C. The Board shall record and maintain a verbatim copy of all minutes of the Board.

SECTION 105. Technical Support

A. The Gaming Commissioner and staff shall provide technical support and assistance to the Gaming Operations Authority Board.

SECTION 106. Limitations

A. The Gaming Operations Authority Board shall not contract for the management of any gaming operation licensed by, and/or under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation without the approval of the National Council.

SECTION 107 The Gaming Operations Authority Board is hereby authorized to employ a secretary who shall be compensated at the same rate as members of the Board.

SECTION 108. Compensation

Individual Board members and the secretary of the Board shall be compensated at a rate of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per meeting, plus mileage at the same rate established for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

SECTION 200. Be it further enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled:

SECTION 201. Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. The Creek Nation entered into a Management Agreement on March 19, 1984 with Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. to manage, administer and operate the Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo operation for a period of twelve (12) years.

B. Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. entered into a contract with MLL (U.S.A.), Inc. (MECCA) on April 4, 1989, for purposes of MECCA assuming the majority of Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. interest, responsibilities and duties concerning the operation of the Tulsa Bingo facility.

C. The contract between Indian Country, U.S.A., Inc. and MECCA was entered into without the knowledge and consent of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

D. The Creek Nation Office of Justice has asserted the opinion that Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. has violated the Management Agreement between itself and the Creek Nation, by subcontracting its obligations/responsibilities to MECCA.

E. Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. has further violated the Management Agreement, Section 14 (Indemnification of the Tribe by the Manager) reference the Michael Beaver case (taking expense of settlement as operational costs).

F. Pursuant to the above, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation believes Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. is in violation of its Management Agreement with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the contractual relationship between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. is unconditionally destroyed and incapable of maintaining.

SECTION 202. The Gaming Commissioner is hereby directed and authorized to:

A. Suspend the license of Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. for violation of the Management Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian

Country U.S.A., Inc. pursuant to NCA 84-04, Section 203 B (8).

B. Direct the Creek Nation Office of Justice to petition the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to have the Management Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. declared null and void due to violation of Management Agreement.

C. Direct the Creek Nation Office of Justice to petition the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to issue a Restraining Order against Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. and MECCA, barring their representatives from entering or conducting business upon any tribal land.

D. The Commissioner of Gaming shall recommend:

1. An existing member of present Creek Nation's Tulsa Facility management team be selected (by the Gaming Operations Authority Board) to serve as Interim Manager of the facility during the period of transition.

2. A separate interest bearing account, title Tulsa Creek Nation Bingo Escrow Account, shall be established wherein 40% of all net gaming profits shall be held in escrow (including interest), pending settlement of any litigation which may be forthcoming, or for a maximum period of two (2) years.

SECTION 203. The Principal Chief is hereby requested and authorized to:

A. Take any steps necessary to relieve Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. of their responsibility as Manager of the Creek Nation's Bingo operations in Tulsa.

SECTION 204. The Creek Nation Office of Justice is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with activities to have the Management Agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country U.S.A., Inc./Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. limited Partnership No. 1 declared null and void in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; further, any other courts of competent jurisdiction having legal authority.

SECTION 205. Appropriation - Revolving Fund Account - Bingo Revenue Account.

A. There is hereby appropriated \$250,000 from the Bingo Revenue Account which shall be deposited in a revolving account ear-marked "Bingo Operations Account".

B. Expenditures from the "Bingo Operations Account" shall be approved by the Board or their designee. Any person who is authorized to expend monies shall be bonded for an amount of one million dollars.

C. At the end of each month all monies in the "Bingo Operations Account" in excess of \$250,000. shall be transferred to an account ear-marked "Bingo Revenue Account" which shall be reserved for appropriation by the National Council.

The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Frye made a motion to adopt Bill 6H, Kamp seconded the motion. Discussion. The Chair opened the floor for amendments. Williams made a motion to amend Section 103 (3) to add: "within 90 days" at the end of the sentence. Johnson Buck seconded the motion. Included in this amendment was Section 202 D (2) to add: "the Tulsa Creek Nation Bingo Facility" before net gaming profits and delete the word "all". Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor; none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. The Bill will be amended to reflect the amendments.

A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Burden to make the following amendment. Section 101. To end the sentence by deleting "with the

exception of community gaming operations". Section 103: To end the sentence by deleting "with the exception of community gaming operations."; and Section 103 (10) by deleting "with the exception of community gaming operations." Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Four in favor, twelve against, one abstention. Voting No were: Berryhill, Newton, Frye, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Williams, Fife and Johnson, Buck. Voting Yes were: Burden, Rhodes, Thomas, Kamp and Robert Buck. Wilson abstained. Motion failed.

Upon a motion for adoption of this Bill, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor; three against, one abstention. Voting No were: Cleghorn, Cloud and Robert Buck. Williams Abstained. Motion Carried. The Bill 6H was adopted and will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his approval and recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

At this time Newton made a motion to place legislation concerning the Hanna Indian Community on the agenda. Johnson Buck seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor; one against; two abstentions. Voting No was: Dunson. Cleghorn and Rhodes abstained. Motion Carried. The Bill numbered 6I is placed on the agenda for consideration.



61 A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 89-49. SECTION 101. Findings: The National Council finds that NCA 89-49 in Section 102 (A) describes a said tract of land for purchasing property to construct Hanna Indian Community a center; however, this land described is no longer for sale.

SECTION 102. NCA 89-49 is hereby amended at Section 102 and 102 (A) by deleting the entire paragraph and inserting the following: The National Council hereby authorizes Hanna Indian Community to use 5 acres of tribal property for as long as Hanna Indian Community exists. Section 102 (A) of NCA 89-49 is amended further by deleting paragraph (A) and inserting the following: A. Legal Land description of the tribal land is as follows: N330' of the W660' of Lot 1 Section 5-T8N-R14E.

SECTION 103. Section 104 budget line item (B) of NCA 89-49 is amended to read as follows: B. Emergency funding (MIS) \$5,000.

SECTION 104. Section 105 is hereby amended to read as follows: The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to expend \$5,000. from the bingo account to the Hanna Indian Community when the contract

date is due. Any remaining funds from the \$5,000. shall be given to Hanna Indian Community as start up funds. All other funds will be expended in accordance with the budget in Section 104 (A) and (C). The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action on this Bill. Wilson made a motion to adopt and Johnson seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion Carried. The Bill 61 will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

NO OTHER BUSINESS; MEETING DECLARED ADJOURNED

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES - MAY 11, 1989

INVOCATION: Helen Chupco

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, National Council Muscogee Nation

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken with the following representatives in attendance. The Speaker declared a quorum present to conduct business. Present were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Bible, Burden, Chupco, Cleghorn, Dunson, Gilroy, Cloud, Johnson, McIntosh, Newton, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Wilson, Kamp, Fife, Buck, Buck, Primeaux and Childers. Absent were: Little, Thomas, and Williams.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing and Appropriating Funds Supporting the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies in Tulsa on May 13, 1989

SECTION 101. Findings: The National Council finds that the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame has honored American Indian athletes by having Induction Ceremonies to recognize the athletes accomplishments. The inductions have been supported through private donations. Funds must be raised from individuals, foundations, tribes and organizations annually.

SECTION 102. The American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame will have their eleventh Induction at the Sheraton Kensington Hotel on May 13, 1989 for the purpose of honoring four new inductees, three from Oklahoma.

SECTION 103. The May 13 Induction will mark only second time that the event will be held outside the city of Lawrence, Kansas, the location of the Hall of Fame.

SECTION 104. Past Induction Ceremonies have included members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and

SECTION 105. Therefore, Bingo Revenues shall be appropriated in the amount of \$500.00 for the support of the American Indian Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies, to be held May 13, by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for this Bill. Discussion. Almerigi made a motion to amend Section 105 to replace the words shall be appropriated to are hereby appropriated and to approved the Bill as amended. Kamp seconded the motion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, three against; two abstentions. Voting NO were: Chupco, Cleghorn, and Robert Buck. Abstaining were: Rhodes and Stacy. Motion Carried. The Bill was approved as amended and will be recorded in the Journals of the Muscogee Nation. This Bill will be forwarded to the Principal Chief for his signature.

2. Letter of concurrence to Graves Enterprises.

Kenneth Childers, Speaker, read the following letter to the Council for their approval to concur.

Gentlemen:

I am sending you this letter to clarify my understanding of the agreements we reached during our meeting on the 18th of April 1989.

During the next 60 days, I will work closely with your office to determine the feasibility, expected economic return, schedule, and program plan for building and operating a horse race teletrack facility.

We will obtain preliminary proposals for the architectural design, construction and operation of a teletrack to be located on the land south of the present Creek Nation Tulsa Facility.

We will evaluate those proposals and develop a series of alternative plans that will allow the Tribe to select an approach that maximizes the expected financial return during the next 10 years without unacceptable risk.

An outline of the study report to be provided within 60 days is as follows:

Section	Title
1	Executive Summary
2	Market Analysis
3	Preliminary Legal Consideration
4	Preliminary Architectural Plan
5	Preliminary Construction Plan
6	Economic Projections

If the Tribe decides to move forward with this project after the preliminary plan is completed, the Tribe will negotiate with me in good faith to lead that effort either as a consultant or as a management contractor, as defined in the Indian Gaming Regulatory (IGR) Act of 1988. If we agree on a plan and a fair fee, the Tribe will enter into a contract with me for the project.

I believe that a fair agreement would be a conventional management contract with Graves Enterprises providing turnkey management services and all required financing for 40 percent of the profits for seven years.

I believe another fair consulting approach would be for Graves Enterprises, after startup, to be paid a monthly operating fee of 30 percent of the profits for a period of seven years.

If the plan involving a 30 percent fee is selected, Graves Enterprises would not be responsible for providing the financial.

Graves Enterprises realizes that this letter agreement does not obligate the Tribe, financially or otherwise, to move forward with the project unless to do so is in the best interest of the Tribe.

The Tribe agrees to treat all material supplied by Graves Enterprises as confidential and proprietary and will not disclose that information to any third party or use that information for any economic venture unless Graves Enterprises is a party to that venture.

I highly recommend that the Creek Nation apply immediately for a compact with the State of Oklahoma. If you concur, I will prepare a written request for your review and submittal with the next seven (7) days.

I am honored that you are allowing me to work with you on this project.

Very truly yours,

signed
Gordon T. Graves
Chief Executive Officer
Graves Enterprises

The letter having been read, the Speaker entertained the Councils approval for concurrence with this letter. Kamp made a motion that the Speaker sign the concurrence and the motion was seconded by Almerigi. A vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, eight against; one abstention. Voting YES were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Burden, Chupco, Gilroy, Johnson, Frye, Kamp, Fife and Primeaux. Voting NO were: Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, McIntosh, Newton, Rhodes, Stacy, and Johnson Buck. Wilson abstained. Motion carried. The letter will be signed by the Speaker and returned to Graves Enterprises.

Announcements: Hospital and Clinics Board meeting, May 22, 1989 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; Donna Rhodes, Festival Committee selling pages for campaign in Festival Brochure.

Benediction: Thomas Berryhill
Adjournment

Happy Thanksgiving